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BRISBANE LIONS are considering pulling out of the National Soccer League.

President John Morcus revealed this headline news when he said: "At this time last year, we would not have given it a second thought but, to be honest, I must say we are now considering a move back to the local competition..."

Influential Lions director, Hans Strik, is strongly

By Greg Russell.

lobbying for a return to the Queensland Soccer Federation's Premier League.

Morcus conceded this move is being discussed at executive level.

The Lions president said "If the NSL has to stay under its present set up, I don't think we want to be part of it. We will not make a firm decision until the Council of Clubs meeting later this month and, of course, it's something members must decide..."

Hans Strik claims he has the backing of half of the Lions directors to make the move back to Queensland Soccer.

Such a move would delight QSF president, Ian Brusasco, who met with the two Queensland NSL clubs a fortnight ago in an attempt to convince them to

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LIONS READY TO QUIT!



The lusty right boot of Olympic's Martyn Rogers stops a raid by Sydney City's David Mitchell at Sydney Athletic Field.



Danny Wright of Brisbane Lions could be playing in State League in 1984.

ONE MORE TIME FOR MITCHELL

BY DAVID JACK

DAVID MITCHELL will play for Sydney City Slickers against St George in Sydney's glamour NSL match on Saturday at St George Stadium.

Mitchell, who is going to Glasgow for trials with the famous Rangers, played against Sydney Olympic last Sunday in what

was billed as his last match in Australia.

Not so... the big fellow will play in a friendly match in Adelaide tomorrow

row (Wednesday) and return to Sydney to play for Slickers against Saints.

Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson made a personal appeal to Mitchell to play one more time in view of team selection problems.

The player immediately agreed although on Saturday his mind will understandably be on Glasgow and his Monday flight to the UK.

"Sydney City has been good to Mitch and I was pretty confident he would reciprocate by turning out against St George," said coach Thomson.

So the dangerous Kosmina-Mitchell pairing will pose one more problem for the defence of championship-chasing St George.

EDITORIAL

AT LEAST one good thing will come out of the guest appearances here of George Best. This brilliant player's inability to attract large attendances to National Soccer League matches will surely cause other clubs to think twice before inviting expensive guests in the future.

Most NSL clubs have used guest stars over the past few years. Few have profited from the exercise.

It could be argued that, because of his age and a deterioration in his ability, George Best is not a good example to illustrate this point. But it is a fact that several other stars — in their prime and at the peak of their form — suffered similar box office rejection in Australia.

Francis Lee was probably the first of the big names to grace, if that is the word, Australian Soccer as a guest.

Lee attracted quite a good crowd to his first game for St George against Pan Hellenic at Wentworth Park. But the crowd was not as big as expected: and Pan Hellenic was the biggest drawcard in NSW anyway.

We hardly saw Franny Lee again, due to injury.

West Adelaide brought in Graeme Souness. There's a big enough name. This outstanding midfielder, now Scotland's captain, raised few ripples on the tranquil pond of Australian Soccer.

St George, undeterred by their Franny Lee experience, imported the flamboyant Charlie George. His stay here was something akin to disaster. He achieved nothing and the reaction from spectators was negligible.

Bob Latchford had a few games with Brisbane Lions. He scored some goals but did not pull in huge crowds.

Only a couple of weeks ago, we watched Mick Channon playing for Newcastle KB United against Leichhardt. Channon was hardly in the game. A local junior would have achieved as much on that day.

When Peter Osgood flew in to play for Sydney's Hakoah Eastern Suburbs club, we all looked forward to the magic which had made this big Chelsea forward one of England's most exciting performers. Osgood failed to sparkle — a major disappointment.

Then there was the time Sydney club Western Suburbs brought one of their former players here as a guest. His name? Ian Moores. This big, ungainly-looking, striker — despite being possessor of minor English international honours — looked no better than any local player.

We could go on and on. The evidence is undeniable that big name players from Britain, who drop in here for two or three guest appearances, are no automatic recipe for success. They rarely bring in premiership-winning points or attract cash customers through the gate.

Brisbane Lions showed great initiative as promoters when they brought George Best to Australia. Their plan misfired. We do not condemn the Lions for their action. After all, it was possible, though not probable, that Best would produce some of his brilliance and artistry. It was expected, too, that the wayward Irish genius would be capable of doubling the Brisbane club's miserable match attendances.

The gamble has not paid dividends.

Those clubs, who still imagine guest players guarantee success on the field and a box office bonanza, should now assess the situation rationally.

It's no good saying George Best was the wrong star to bring here. Is there any guarantee that Michel Platini or Socrates or Ardiles or Rossi would do any better?

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

West Adelaide - Heidelberg	2-2
(Panagis, Honeyman, Cole, Valentine Crowd: 1800)	
Preston - Saint George	1-1
(Ward, Barton Crowd: 4,000)	
Leichhardt - Wollongong	4-1
(Bradley 2, DeCeglie, Valeri, O'Connor. Crowd: 2674)	
South Melbourne - Footscray	1-1
(Egan, Paton Crowd: 3000)	
Sydney City - Sydney Olympic	2-1
(Souness, Murray, Paterson. Crowd: 6700)	
Canberra - Marconi	2-2
(Bryant, Byrne, Bozanic, Brown. Crowd: 1350)	
Brisbane Lions - Adelaide City	0-4
(Maxwell, Villani, Rankin, Carter. Crowd: 2500)	
Newcastle - Brisbane City	0-1
(Glockner. Crowd: 2516)	

STATE HAS 'NEW DEAL'

THE National Soccer League may be losing their battle to retain the league as it stands, or at least the clubs in it under the present format, reports Tom McKain.

For starters the glamour has gone out of the competition — costs have cut down the number of imports and one gets the

feeling that too many of the players now concentrate on their jobs and not Soccer.

• There is no promotion or relegation — there is a farce — so any clubs which run into trouble can sit the season out and hope for better luck next time round.

• The competition is not truly national.

But now the State Federations have come up with a most tempting package — a national play-off series at the end of the 1984 season involving the top two teams from each State super league.

• A national competition

for each State's Cup winners.

• A national competition for each State's summer Cup winners.

• And the resumption of an all-States series involving State teams.

This type of deal with its huge savings in costs must tempt the likes of Adelaide City, West Adelaide, Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions.

And it is the type of set-up that would also suit Sydney City who want to get out of the expensive NSL.

It would appear that before the ASF meeting on July 30 the NSL marketing people will have to come up with a new

package.

I have always been a supporter of the NSL, and feel it is essential that it continues, but it has now become a bore.

There are few, if any, personality players and the emphasis on homebred youngsters while commendable on paper, does nothing to pull in fans who are looking for "readymade" stars.

One can admire the Youth Soccerers, and no doubt there is potential in the squad — but one has to be honest and say they failed in Mexico.

They did not get through the first round, so a club team or a national senior team packed with members of the Mexican squad will do nothing to excite the fans.

No one is saying the kids won't make it, but on current form from the World Youth Cup they are not crowd-drawing material.

If the NSL as it stand today is going to have the same impact it did in its first season then there will have to be an injection of fresh ideas and new players.

Of the two major Soccer plans on view the States' format is by far the more

attractive — particularly on the financial side.

While the 24-team regionalisation plan was a bold move it was doomed from the start with the traditionalists horrified at the crisscrossing of fixtures and the fact that the old home and away system would not operate.

And there is no way the Adelaide and Brisbane teams would agree to the travelling expenses they would run up.

How could they be bracketed together in one zone when they are so far apart?

While the local leagues are as dead as the NSL, their proposed new format at least opens up the way for a lift in play with three competitions at stake at the end of the season plus the interstate competition.

Unless they come up with something better the NSL could find itself with teams only from Sydney and Melbourne.

WEST VEST THRICE BEST

DON'T mention George Best to West coach Alan Vest.

It's not that he doesn't like the Irish super star, it's just that he has recurring nightmares about trying to sign him for a guest appearance.

Three times Vest thought he had a deal clinched, and three times he had to announce it had fallen through.

There was no problems with Best. A Perth agent caused all the problems for the West coach.

LUCK was on West full back Ian McGregor's side the other week in Sydney.

Forced off the field with an ankle injury against St. George he was able to receive treatment from his own club doctor.

Dr Arthur Zaikos was in town and decided to take in the game and was able to tend to McGregor, knowing the history of his "trick" ankle.

KAISER WANTS A 'FLOW' GAME

BY TOM MCKAIN

KEN Kaiser is the only one of his breed in the National Soccer League coaching scene — an Australian.

And he's disappointed that there are not more Australians in charge of national clubs.

"I feel they would have a lot to offer, and by saying that I'm not knocking coaches from other countries," he said.

"Everyone has their own approach to the game and as we're trying to attract Australians to the sport I think an Australian approach to coaching

and tactics would help."

And Kaiser has some strong views on the yellow card system — or rather what it is handed out for by some referees.

"If we want to keep the crowds we've got and attract more, then we will have to see fewer yellow cards," he said, prompted by three which were handed out to his players during the recent match against Adelaide City.

"The game must be allowed to flow, and in the majority of cases cards are coming out for minor infringements.

"I don't suggest we indulge in hacking matches, but there must be bodily contact as long as it's fair.

"The spectators want some excitement and as long as no one is injured

let's let the game flow."

The Newcastle players weren't too happy with City goalkeeper Willie McNally, and his actions in pulling down David Lowe with a waist-high tackle outside the box after the striker had gone past him does raise an interesting point.

He was booked for the foul — but that's all it was, a foul.

As it turned out the free kick resulted in a goal when he couldn't hold a drive by David Jones and Robert Mountford netted.

But it does raise the point that perhaps the rules should be changed, and in cases where the keeper offends outside the box he should be penalised with a penalty.

This has been suggested in England, even for offences by field defenders when they are clearly beaten.

The Newcastle players felt McNally should have been sent off.

NEXT WEEKS MATCHES

SATURDAY	
Saint George -v- Sydney City	
Newcastle KB -v- Preston	
SUNDAY	
Heidelberg -v- Canberra Arrows	
Wollongong -v- South Melbourne	
Brisbane City -v- West Adelaide	
Sydney Olympic -v- Marconi	
Footscray -v- Brisbane Lions	
Adelaide City -v- Leichhardt	

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

TEAMS	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	FA	Pt	W	D	L	FA	Pt	W	D	L	FA	Pt		
PRESTON	16	9	6	1	30-13	33	7	2	0	20-6	23	2	4	1	10-7	10		
SYDNEY CITY	16	8	4	4	23-19	28	6	3	0	15-4	21	2	1	4	8-15	7		
NEWCASTLE	16	8	3	5	25-14	27	4	3	2	11-5	15	4	0	3	14-9	12		
SAINT GEORGE	16	7	6	3	17-9	27	4	3	0	9-4	15	3	3	3	8-5	12		
BRISBANE CITY	16	7	5	4	23-26	26	4	2	2	16-14	14	3	3	2	7-12	12		
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	16	7	3	6	23-16	24	2	1	3	9-6	7	5	2	3	14-10	17		
LEICHHARDT	16	7	2	7	27-22	23	6	1	3	19-9	19	1	1	6	8-13	4		
MARCONI	16	6	4	6	26-25	22	4	2	2	15-14	14	2	2	4	11-11	8		
CANBERRA	16	6	3	7	26-22	21	5	2	1	18-7	17	1	1	6	8-15	4		
ADELAIDE CITY	17	6	3	8	21-22	21	3	2	2	9-8	11	3	1	6	12-14	10		
WEST ADELAIDE	16	5	6	5	16-17	21	4	3	3	12-11	15	1	3	2	4-6	6		
HEIDELBERG	16	4	7	5	16-18	19	4	1	2	10-5	13	0	6	3	6-13	6		
STH.MELBOURNE	16	5	4	7	19-25	19	2	3	4	10-13	9	3	1	3	9-12	10		
BRISBANE LIONS	17	4	2	10	20-36	14	4	0	4	14-13	12	0	2	6	6-23	2		
FOOTSCRAY	16	3	5	8	11-29	14	2	2	3	6-14	8	1	3	5	5-15	6		
WOLLONGONG	17	1	9	7	21-31	12	0	6	2	8-10	6	1	3	5	13-21	6		



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BY GEORGE, THEY HAVE IT

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

LAST week at a Press Conference held at the Hakoah Club and organised by all the Sydney NSL clubs, the St George manager, Frank Arok, released details of certain policies his club will adopt and recommend. They are as follows:

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

A new sponsorship programme launched by the Saints this year, has been a huge success...Major Sponsors, Match Day Sponsors, Minor Sponsors, and Private Sponsors.

These sponsorships have enabled St George to underwrite nearly \$85,000 for this year.

The St George Soccer Budget for 1983 has been slashed by 37 per cent.

In an attempt to make the Soccer Section as self-supporting as possible, the St George club has signed a very competent Commercial Manager from England.

He is Michael Warwick, the Luton Club commercial manager. He joins the Saints in September this year to work in the same capacity.

OVERSEAS PLAYERS BANNED

The Club's Directors and Soccer Committee, have decided that St George will not import any more players from overseas.

Players with permanent residence here from other countries could be considered.

As well, it was decided that "Guest Players" would not be used. Only exception would be made to a player of World Class.

SUBSTITUTE RULE

The Club recommends to the NSL Committee that two substitutes be used for next season, providing one of them is younger than 19 and Australian born.

POINTS SYSTEM

A recommendation is made that if a player collects 12 points for the second time, that player must automatically serve a TWO MATCH suspension. Twelve points for the third time should attract a FOUR MATCH suspension.

CHANGE OF DATE

The St George Vs Sydney City match, has been switched to Saturday, 23rd July, at the St George Stadium.

Match Day Sponsor will be Jardine Insurance Brokers for this match.

COUNTRY VISIT

The Saints have decided to play their home match against Brisbane Lions, in Lismore, the birthplace of Saints' and Australia's goalkeeper, Terry Greedy.

This match has been scheduled for Saturday, August 6.

DEZ MARTON



OLD ENEMIES CLASH AGAIN

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA'S two biggest enemies, St George and Sydney City, clash again on Saturday at the St George Stadium. It could be an explosive encounter.

During the past 25 years the two clubs have been bitter rivals.

This season Saints have had a definite edge over NSL champions Sydney City.

They have already met twice. In Round one at the Sydney Athletic Field, it ended in a scoreless draw. But in their Ampol Cup battle, the Saints ran out victors 4-0.

FREE GIFTS

On Saturday, the St George club will present every lady attending the St George Vs Sydney City match, with a free pair of pantyhose.

As well, every junior player under the age of 14 attending this match, will receive a free drink.

Another promotional incentive being launched by the Saints from this week, is their "FAMILY PASS".

This family pass will be available to family groups of Mum, Dad plus up to three children for an entrance fee to the match of only \$4.

Sydney City coach, Eddie Thomson, still has bit-

ter memories of last year's NSL Grand Final, when Saints crushed City 3-1.

St George manager, Frank Arok, said last night: "I would say that these two clubs have been the most successful in Sydney for more than 20 years."

"We expect Saturday's match to be a real battle with Sydney City looking for revenge."

"This year we have not been recognised as great goalscorers, but it is interesting to note that in our last three matches with Sydney City we have scored seven goals and conceded only one. That's OK by me."

Meanwhile, Thomson said: "If we are going to retain the title we just have to beat St George. Today, with three points for a win, everybody is leap-frogging over each other as clubs scramble for places on the ladder."

No doubt Sydney City will rely on the skills and direction from their "engineer" Joe Watson, whilst Arok will assign the task of holding Wat-

son to his reliable left-back, Robbie O'Shea.

Saints will have centre-back, Michael O'Shea back, after missing last week's match.

A galaxy of stars will be on parade. Kosmina, Watson, Marton, Souness, Ratcliffe, Slater, Greedy, Skeen, the O'Shea brothers and latest St George teenage sensation, Peter Petkovski.

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make the return.

Strik last weekend labelled the NSL a failure. He said the League had received nothing from the West Nally sponsorship and could not attract Australian sponsors.

"What type of a competition is it when the champion club for the past three years attracts only a few hundred people?" Strik said.

"We have tried everything to make a success of the NSL but I think we would do better on and off the field to go back to the local competition," he added.

FOOTNOTE: Just before going to press yesterday, ASW asked John Morcus how serious he was about taking Lions out of the NSL.

His answer? "The ASF rules the NSL and the set-up doesn't work. Maybe it's time for the National League to go out on its own with affiliation to the ASF. If that sounds like a breakaway, I suppose you'd have to say it is."

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THERE'S no doubt that "Little Joe" Watson, Sydney City's brilliant Soccerero midfielder, has a good sense of humour — so good that he even made the front page of the Sydney Morning Herald recently.

With one of his remarks — Joe was in typical wisecracking form after the Slickers' match against Adelaide City at the Sydney Athletic Field.

He had starred in their 1-0 victory but, unfortunately there were only about 300 spectators at the match. Joe quipped: "We are the only club in the League who can give each of our supporters a disprin and still have half a packet left."

asked at a recent Press conference at the Hakoah Club, what is the answer to the problem of falling gates?

The Doc hit back: "Get bigger and stronger hinges."

ONE hears so much these days about the need for improved communications and improved information. Canberra Arrows and its Downer Olympic Soccer Club umbrella are working on one vehicle to achieve just that.

A club year book. It will contain a panorama of information — teams, appearances, awards, sponsors, background data and other information relating to the club structure. Club administrator Karen Grega said the aim was to have a Year Book available for purchase at the club's presentation night in late October.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC'S gentle giant, goalkeeper Gary Meier, also looked to have employment problems not long ago, and his position looked "snookered".

Did Gary race off to sign for unemployment benefits? No.

He moved to Gosford and set up his own business making Billiard tables, showing the right "cue" to initiative to all other unemployed, and is now "pocketing" cash even though he maintains it's not a "cushion" business to be in.

JOVIAL Sydney Olympic coach, (and to be an Olympic coach you have to be), Tommy Docherty, was

spend about a fortnight with the club's administrator Karen Grega and coach, Atti Abonyi.

St George struggling for goals this season, travelled recently to Queensland where goals this year come at a premium for all Sydney teams.

In Saints' match against Brisbane Lions on a Friday night, Saints won 3 nil with the unusual feature that two of their goals were scored by the fullbacks.

Below, our picture shows the three St George goalscorers, flashing their boots: from the left, Robbie O'Shea, Robbie Slater and David Skeen.



NSL referee Robert Davies is slowly coming back into action again after his recent accident. Getting out of his car to

referee a match at Jesmond (Newcastle) his car was hit by another resulting in a painful back injury.



POSSIBLY the busiest referee in Newcastle these days is Jim Reeves. He works, referees NSL, Northern NSW Divisional matches, some junior fixtures and a lot of school games and is now preparing to assist in taking a girls team to Hawaii next year. Whew!!!

BRISBANE Lions last week were forced to alter the venue and drop the price of their George Best Dinner. Best was to speak at a lavish function at a City Hotel but the function eventually went ahead at the Lions Club last Friday after the club received less than half the necessary number of bookings. Whether it was Best's lack of appeal or the \$30, not including drinks, per ticket Lions were asking that resulted in the poor response will never be known.

THE recent goalscoring spree from Brisbane City's Angelo Falco may have something to do with the boots he wears. Falco, 18, who has burst on the NSL scene in recent months, has borrowed the boots of his coach Jim Hermiston. He recalls a Philips Cup semi-final two years ago when he lent his boots to fellow Lions team-mate Ron Millman. Millman scored in the game to break a long goal drought. "A bit of Scottish magic" is Hermiston's only remark.

WHILE on Sydney Olympic, their star English right-back, Martyn Rogers, is not among the unemployed anymore.

Frustrated, he decided



he would grab any job offered to him.

A job did turn up and he took it. Driver of a hearse for a funeral parlour.

Well done Martyn. The lad showed more initiative than most unemployed who say they are "dying to get a job" but can't get one.

Martyn readily admits that it was really a "grave" decision, but he found himself "boxed-in" for cash and he was prepared to "dig" the job for the time being, even though everything around him at the moment appears "black".

Rogers said that when he read the advertisement for the job, which stated "Company Car Supplied", it was not what he really had in mind.

"Not really ideal for a Drive-In," Martyn quipped.

NOTICE TO THE N.S.L. CLUBS

WE, AS AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FANS WISH TO STRONGLY PROTEST AT THE RECENT OUTRAGEOUS

SUPPORTERS WANT REGULAR GAMES

Followers of Regional Clubs like Newcastle United, Canberra Arrows, and Wollongong Wolves need to travel great distances if they wish to see National Soccer League matches more than once a fortnight. With only one home fixture postponed it can mean a wait of up to four weeks before another chance to see the team comes along. With the recent ridiculous

DECISIONS MADE BY THE N.S.L. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REGARDING POSTPONED MATCHES.

situation regarding match postponements, fans have no way of planning a weekend to include an on-again-off-again soccer match. To defer a round of soccer for an international series is fine — PROVIDED YOU LIVE IN THE CITY WHERE THE INTERNATIONALS ARE BEING PLAYED. We urge our State capital Clubs to consider the needs of regional Clubs when planning the alteration of fixtures.

REGIONAL CLUBS AND SUPPORTERS MUST DEMAND BETTER TREATMENT

A number of serious questions need to be answered:

- (1) Why has there been no FIRM action taken by NSL Management Committee against Sydney Olympic after their admitted illegal match cancellation?
- (2) Why did the NSL Management Committee approve Marconi's request for deferment against Newcastle KB United when both teams had national squad representatives and injuries?

- (3) Why did Marconi demand a deferment only AFTER it TO CURTAIL THE CURRENT RASH OF POSTPONEMENTS (Legal and Illegal), AND TO CORRECT WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE SERIOUS ERRORS

- (A) THREE POINTS TO BE FORFEITED BY SYDNEY OLYMPIC AND ALLOCATED TO NEWCASTLE.
- (B) SET PUNISHMENTS FOR ILLEGAL POSTPONEMENTS OF NSL MATCHES TO BE WRITTEN INTO THE NSL CONSTITUTION.
- (C) ANY FINES IMPOSED TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE INNOCENT CLUB AS COMPENSATION.

WE BELIEVE IT TO BE A RIDICULOUS SITUATION WHEN LOYAL SOCCER FOLLOWERS ARE FORCED TO HIGHLIGHT THEIR NEEDS THROUGH COSTLY ADVERTISING. WE FULLY ENDORSE THE STAND MADE BY NEWCASTLE KB UNITED AGAINST THE NSL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND URGE ALL CLUBS TO BACK THEM IN THEIR DEMAND FOR A FAIR GO.

- had played the "Italian Derby" between Marconi and Leichhardt at Bossley Park?
- (4) Why did the NSL Management Committee agree to a second deferment AFTER the game had been heavily promoted in Newcastle?
- (5) Did the NSL Management Committee really allow Marconi a THIRD deferment on the basis of a player getting married?

- (6) After the Munich Air Disaster, it is understood the

IN JUDGEMENT BY THE NSL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE SOCCER FANS OF NEWCASTLE DEMAND THE FOLLOWING:

- (D) THE NSL CONSTITUTION TO BE ALTERED SO THAT THE NSL PROGRAMME HAS NUMBER ONE PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHER MATCHES, UNLESS THE PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT IS TO THE ADVANTAGE OF BOTH CLUBS.
- (E) ALL INTERNATIONAL FIXTURES TO BE SLOTTED IN AT THE

English FA allowed Manchester United ten days grace before resuming League and Cup commitments. Do the NSL Management committee consider Marconi's "disaster" of a higher order than Manchester United's 1958 tragedy?

- (7) How do the NSL Management and Clubs expect to attract sponsors for a sport that has the reputation of allowing Clubs to engineer its premier competition to their own ends?

BEGINNING OF THE SEASON BEFORE THE NSL PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DECIDED UPON.

- (F) ALL OTHER "SPECIAL" MATCHES TO BE ALLOCATED A DATE TO "FIT IN" WITH THE NSL FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS — NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.
- (G) THE NEWCASTLE v MARCONI MATCH TO BE PLAYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF NEWCASTLE UNITED.

This advertisement was placed by individual Newcastle soccer followers and not by any Official body. We feel that the above statements outline the general feeling of all Newcastle sports followers, and we believe that the continued support of NSL soccer in this area now rests with the decisions to be made by the NSL Management Committee and Clubs on the matters raised.

WRITTEN: S. BRADBURY FOR: THE SOCCER SUPPORTERS GROUP



CAPTAIN SOCCEROO

WITH JOHNNY WARREN

DOUBLE HEADER

DAVIDSON and East Hills High schools ventured into the quarter-finals of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup with wins over Mt Druitt and Springwood respectively in a double header night fixture at Mt Druitt Town Soccer Centre.

East Hills beat Springwood 3-0 after leading 1-0 at half-time with goals from Stephen Waugh, Danny Stanley and Anthony Wallace.

The goal from Stephen Waugh, who currently plays second grade for NSW State League club Croatia, was a fine individual effort in which he beat seven defenders in a 50m slalom run before crashing the ball in from 20m.

Waugh's wonder goal!

The late match between Mt Druitt and Davidson was one of the most exciting games played in the Commonwealth Soccer Cup to date.



BACK ROW: (left to right) G.Carter, M.Pollinger, A.Bullard, C.Price, F.Fardell, B.Bass, W.Madden. **FRONT ROW:** D.Sparks, R.Morrow, C.Condon, J.Dewilde, G.White, T.Woodhead.

Davidson opened the score in the second minute through Ross Ettrington and lead 1-0 at the break.

Davidson's Mark Ridgongh made it 2-0 in the second half before Michael Rolls pulled one back for Mt Druitt.

The second half was largely dominated by Mt

Druitt particularly in the last 10 minutes when they hit the crossbar and goalpost three times.

In the quarter finals East Hills travel to Lismore to play Kadina tomorrow while Davidson meet Canterbury at St George Stadium tonight. In the other quarter-final Kogarah travel to Albury

to meet Albury tomorrow afternoon.

The Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup committee would like to express its thanks to the Mt Druitt Town Soccer club for the use of its facilities for the competition as well as the Marconi and St George clubs for the use of the facilities as well.



COMMONWEALTH BANK SOCCER CUP

The annual knock-out competition for New South Wales State High Schools

WOONONA HIGH INVADES ALBURY

WOONONA BOYS HIGH have matched the girls in reaching the last sixteen teams in their respective State-wide competitions. Both teams will travel to the Albury-Wodonga centre to compete in their next round games.

The girls face up to the strong Murray High team while the boys have drawn the much-fancied Albury High. The Albury team have five boys who played for the Riverina Zone in the recent C.H.S State Championship.

The Woonona boys have yet again qualified for the final sixteen play-offs.

Played in wet conditions, Karabah and Woonona fought out a most exciting and entertaining game. The match was virtually a continual series of high drama. The teams exchanged goals from the start with first one and then the other scoring in turn.

Joe Felizzi and Pasquale Carnovale played excellent Soccer in the midfield for Karabah while their quick silver forward Duc Chiem created heaps of problems for Woonona's defence.

On the other side of the ledger, Tony Donnelly and Martin Madden were strong in the middle for the home side and Earle Canvin made many penetrating moves towards his opponents' goal.

The teams were well balanced and this was reflected in the full-time score of four-all. During extra time, Woonona broke through with Canvin scoring. They held out

until three minutes from the end when Felizzi cracked the goal of the match to bring the score to five-all.

Both teams attacked and counter-attacked until three seconds from the end when Woonona's desperate defence brought down Cheim in the box - to concede a penalty.

This signalled the moment for 'keeper Ken Lynch to come into his own. As Felizzi lined up to take the penalty, Lynch quietened his team mates and calmly took up his position. Luckily, Ken waited until the kick was taken and it was struck close enough for him to make a good save.

This last minute blow seemed to take the wind out of Karabah's sails and Woonona - thanks to the hero of the day - went on to win the penalty shoot-out three goals to two.

ROUND 5 QUARTER FINALS (to be played by July 22)

Merewether or Kadina V	Kadina 4-0		to be played Marconi Stadium Wednesday Aug 17
East Hills or Springwood	East Hills 3-0		
Whitebridge or Marsden V	Marsden 2-1		
Armidale or Kelso			
Cabramatta or Kogarah V	Kogarah 3-1		WINNER
Albury or Woonona	Albury 3-1		
Wollongong or Canterbury V	Canterbury 4-3		
Mt Druitt or Davidson	Davidson 2-1		

KOGARAH PROFILE

THE Kogarah High School team to play Albury in the quarter-finals of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup in Albury tomorrow is:

GOALKEEPER: Michael Karafiloff.

DEFENDERS: Ali Jaffar, Ali Mansour, Nick Nicktsanas, Simi Kor-

levski.

MIDFIELDERS: Vasco Nikolovski, Hussein Khamis, Ali Reda (Captain).

STRIKERS: Goran Mladenouski, Chris Polias, Peter Petkovski.

RESERVES: Ilio Perovski, George Alexandrou, Nick Lazaridis, Peter Mitrevski, Nick Bel-

cheff.

The team is coached by Trevor Taylor and managed by Tony James.

Leading goalscorer is Chris Polias and Peter Petkovski.

Peter, of course, is the lad who is currently playing for St George's NSL team.

It is interesting to note

that a school from the St George area has never won the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup, and the Kogarah team this year has beaten Peakhurst 8-nil, Port Hacking 6-1, Sydney Tech 5-3 on penalties (after being 2-all at fulltime), Kingsgrove North 2-nil and Cabramatta 3-1.



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ROUND UP

BIG CROWD

PRESTON STILL ON TOP

THE attraction of Preston v St George brought out the Soccer fans at Connor Reserve and they were not disappointed, as 4,500 people got good value for their money.

As Frank Arok put it after the match, his team is playing typical Hungarian-style Soccer and he classified Preston's style as pure Italian.

Some purists may not agree on this.

St George were ultra-cautious in the early stages. The forward surge of St George to the halfway line was like a cavalry charge and it seemed to work only 15 minutes. By that time Preston worked out a plan to split the Saints' defence with Campbell and Lucchesi stretching out wide.

This worked out nicely as, in the 17th minute, Claude Lucchesi was fouled by goalkeeper Terry Greedy and a penalty was awarded to Preston.

The goalkeeper having clearly moved at the first kick, a second kick was taken and Gary Ward duly scored.

The game so far proved to be of good standard with much to commend it.

Dez Marton did his usual roving commission but Preston always seemed aware of his presence wherever he bobbed up.

His monopoly of all free-kick situations provides only one route to goal and I suppose there are times when it is successful.

Right on half-time, a St



Mark Barton

George corner kick looked dangerous when Wilkinson gained a yellow card for dissent. Richard Wilson was proving efficient in ball-handling for Preston.

Somehow the style of game was not suiting Zarko Odzakovic and the Saints were probing away by adopting a more attacking style.

One of Marton's favourite free-kicks curled into a Saints' head at the 80th minute but Wilson plucked the ball away.

The next moment Lucchesi was testing Greedy at the other end and Greedy performed well. Marton could have had better luck with an overhead kick which struck the crossbar and Mark Barton grabbed the

limelight with a run through the field to unleash a screamer which Wilson did not even see with only two minutes to go.

The final minute even brought us thrills when Gary Ward was fouled at the rim of the penalty box. The Peter Ollerton kick broke the sound barrier as it screamed over the St George crossbar.



PRESTON Wilson Opasinas, Flavell, Ilioski, Jones, Ollerton, Campbell, Lucchesi, McMillan, Odzakovic, Ward.

ST GEORGE Greedy, Skeen, R.O. Shea, Barton, Stone, Ratcliffe, K. Wilson (Petkovski 60), Slater, Wilkinson, J.O. Shea, Marton. REFEREE J. Fearn. CROWD 4,500.

By Jock Stephen

HONEYMAN ON TARGET AT LAST

GRAHAM HONEYMAN "came back from the dead" to rescue West Adelaide and give them a 2-2 draw against Heidelberg at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Top club striker last year with 14 goals — the same number West had scored this season before the Heidelberg match — Honeyman had failed to get a goal this year.

But in the 81st minute on Sunday he cracked in a free-kick from the edge of the box after striker Wormley had been brought down.

That climaxed a tremendous fight back by West who had hit the front just on half-time when 17 year old midfielder John Panagis, struck a ball into the roof of the net from a Graham Heys cross.

But that West triumph was short-lived when Gary Cole, playing his first NSL game for Heidelberg this season, turned on a ball from Jimmy Campbell to beat Martyn Crook with a rising shot in the 62nd minute.

Four minutes later, a Campbell corner was nodded in by Valentine and West were in trouble.

However they kept their heads down to run at Heidelberg and the reward came with that Honeyman free-kick.

While taking nothing away from the Victorians, it must be pointed out that it was goalkeeper Jeff Oliver who kept them in the game particularly in the first half when he brought off two tremendous saves... from a Heys cross (heading for Honeyman's head), and by turning a Steve Atsalas

drive for a corner.

Then a Mickey Brennan header was pushed for another corner and in the second period Oliver stopped a shot from Heys.

Crook did not have so much spectacular work to do as he held direct shots from Jim Tansey, Charlie Yankos, and Derek Lea in the second half, and Lea also in the first half: then there was a Cole header cleared off the line by Bill Amey.

Cole looked very good in his comeback match but apart from that vital goal he could not shake off Robbie Dunn, and Lea was shackled by young Brenton Hieron.

Campbell got little room to move in midfield but gets credit for laying on Cole's goal and the corner which saw Valentine score.

Former West defender Ian McKie had a great match at right-back.

It was West's fifth game without defeat but with four draws, coach Alan Vest was not all that happy with the result.

WEST ADELAIDE Crook McGregor, Amey, Heiron, Dunn, Brennan, Heys, Atsalas, Wormley, Honeyman, Panagis.

HEIDELBERG Oliver McKie, Tansey, Spanos, McLeod, Valentine, Selimidis, Campbell, Yankos, Cole, Lea.

CROWD 1,802.

REFEREE: T. Martell.

Tom McKain



ROUND UP

BRADLEY AMONGST THE GOALS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

that Carter and Bertogna deserved praise for closing down his forwards. At the same time he was irate over his claim that referee Arthur Owens had failed to pick up a string of fouls on his players.

It was hard to understand how Wollongong, after a draw with leader Preston,

AT LAST — A BIG WIN

whom they should have beaten, could produce so little in this game.

In the first half, Leichhardt continually got into scoring positions. It all started within the first minute when goalkeeper Natch Vardareff was forced to push a Robert De Ceglie header on to the bar to save an early goal.

Tony Morsello, De Ceglie and Peter Tredinnick constantly ran wide in attack to stretch the Wolves' defence. No-one did better than Peter Willis in Wollongong's defence in trying to stem the tide.

At times he criss-crossed the ground to hunt his man.

Leichhardt's first goal arrived in the 30th minute. Tredinnick broke through Warren Baker on the left and passed to De Ceglie. It was Bradley who finished off the job.

Morsello, placed in the right-half position, put in some great work. It was De Ceglie who took advantage of a short back-pass from Baker to score Leichhardt's second goal.

O'Connor earned one for Wollongong against the run of play, but six minutes later, Bradley made first-class use of a pass laid on by De Ceglie to score again.

And then, in the last minute, Walter Valeri netted his first NSL goal for Leichhardt following a determined but free run through the middle.

LEICHHARDT: Parkes, Carter, Brown, Bertogna, Mariani, Morsello, Bradley, Gray, Valeri, Tredinnick, De Ceglie.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Vardareff, Willis, Pollard, Ainsworth, Muhlbauer, McBreen, Gaffney, Kerr, Baker (Fleming 72m), Cotton, O'Connor.

REFEREE: A. Owens.

CROWD: 2674.

KB GO DOWN

By Myles Hay.

WILY Brisbane City coach, Jimmy Hermiston, brought his side to Newcastle in search of a solitary point, but gleefully accepted THREE when a goal-keeping error by Clint Gosling presented Steve Glockner with the winner.

Yet Newcastle had only themselves to blame for failing to keep up their close challenge on the leaders Preston, whom they meet next Saturday at the Sports Centre, at Newcastle.

Time after time, crucial passes went astray and there was a lack of imagination in attack as Newcastle continually strived to break through the middle where centre-back, Frank Liddell, reigned supreme.

This match was peppered by missed chances, with World Youth striker, David Lowe, suffering cruel luck with two splendid efforts which struck the woodwork.

Lowe and the skilful, Joe Senkalski, were two KB players with the ball skills to control the impish ball which behaved in a wayward fashion.

The second half was just started when disaster struck KB.

A harmless looking shot from Angelo Falco, was badly mishandled by goalkeeper, Gosling, and the alert Steve Glockner, was



Frank Liddell... supreme.

BRISBANE BATTLE

on the spot to steer the ball in for what proved to be the winning goal.

In the closing stages, the Brisbane defence showed its sterling qualities by continually frustrating Newcastle's efforts to bust through.

NEWCASTLE KB: Gosling Maier, Boogaard, Watson, Tredinnick, Mason, Senkalski, Cowburn,

Channon, Lowe, Mountford.

BRISBANE CITY Wishart: Kowtan, Wilkinson, Liddell, Hamilton, Williamson, Bromfield, Pimblett, Hughes, Glockner, Falco.

REFEREE: R. Davies.

CROWD: 2,510.

ROUND UP



ROUND UP



Lions under siege — with goalkeeper Nigel Lownds challenged by Adelaide City goal-seekers.

Olympic crash FICKLE FINGER OF FATE!

So near yet so far...it has to be the story of Sydney Olympic's life.

After weeks of brilliant performances and on the brink of the making a real challenge for NSL honours, the fickle finger of fate once again pointed in Olympic's direction.

This time it happened at Sydney Athletic Field against defending NSL champions, Sydney City.

For the Slickers, this was a novelty day. 7,000 crowd turned up to watch this clash.

Most of them ad come along in the hope of watching Olympic take one more step towards the top of the NSL ladder.

But once again the inevitable happened and the

Slickers won the match 2-1.

It was a real heart-breaker for Tommy Docherty, his team and its large army of supporters.

On the other hand it was a tonic for big Eddie Thomson and his team and their gallant band of supporters who have strived hard to stop the club from folding.

On this performance, the Slickers are a mean, uncompromising, unrelentless bunch with a definite championship-look about it.

The Slickers got off to a brilliant start and grabbed the lead in the second minute when Ian Souness hit home a short corner by

Joe Watson on the right.

Olympic goalkeeper, Gary Meier was caught napping on this occasion.

From this moment on, it was a ding-dong struggle with the action in and out of the rule book.

One or two players were very lucky to have stayed

BY TOM ANDERSON

on the pitch after diabolical tackles.

Olympic fought back gamely and snatched a well-deserved equaliser in the 75th minute when Steve Paterson headed home a long throw-in by Gary Phillips.

This time it was the Slicker's defence that was caught on the hop: Paterson had rattled the Slicker's post from a similar situation, 20 minutes earlier.

Just when the match looked like finishing in

what would have been a fair draw, the Slickers struck.

Two minutes from the end, substitute Willie Murray prodded home the ball, following a cross from Paul Kay on the right flank.

Once again goalkeeper Meier had to be faulted and it looked very much as if he should have cut out the ball, before it reached Murray.

This was the end of the ball-game and it was a disappointed crowd that left a stadium that probably won't be packed again until this time next year.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke; Souness, Cant, O'Connor, Robertson, Watson, Kay, Barnes, Borges (Murray 68th m), Kosmina, Mitchell.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Herbert, Coady, Jennings, Raskopoulos (Patalis 38th m), Phillips, Katholos, Patikas, Soper, Paterson.

REFEREE: D. Rennie.

CROWD: 6,712.

NOT THE BEST OF GEORGIE!

BRISBANE LIONS will have to seriously re-think about bringing a guest player to Australia again after former Irish international George Best bowed out in a blaze of boredom in a crushing 4-0 defeat by Adelaide City.

Even more than in any of his previous games with the Brisbane team, Best was nothing more than a passenger.

And when big central defender Alan Hunter was

BY GREG RUSSELL

forced to leave the field after 30 minutes to get a head cut stitched — Lions played with only nine competitors.

As the match wore on the competitors dropped off.

Although Hunter came back after half-time, by the end of the game Lions were playing as if they didn't care.

"It was disgusting and I told them so," was coach Simon Kistemaker's remark after the game, following a 10 minute closed-doors bawling out of his team.

Best's performance was as disappointing as that of his team-mates. Generally his service was bad but even when he got a good ball he never gave a glimpse that might suggest he was a match-winner.

On two occasions he had only one man to beat before being able to attack the goal but while the skills

were there the speed wasn't.

Full credit to the Adelaide defence, superbly marshalled by Neil Banfield; they never gave Best an inch and always shut him down the instant he received a pass.

Adelaide City deserved to win for they started and finished strongly. They had three good scoring opportunities inside the first 17 minutes, before scoring in the 38th minute, then crashed in three goals in the second half.

Lions were woeful in attack and loose in defence. It was not until young Soccer Russell Stewart abandoned his sweeper's position to go into attack that City goalkeeper Willie McNally was stretched to make a save.

The Adelaide defenders were able to surge forward with alarming monotony and it was a big run from Glen Dods down the right that led to the first goal.

Dods forced his way to the byline and cut back a pinpoint pass for Maxwell to slot low into the net.

Adelaide were a little lucky to go two ahead 16 minutes into the second half when Paul Rankin's shot, off a Charlie Villani free-kick, deflected in off the back of Hunter's head.

But there was no mistake about City's third and fourth goals. In the 77th minute Les Carter flew down the left wing then brilliantly turned Lions midfielder John Stewart twice to give himself a clear path to the goal.

Villani netted Adelaide City's fourth.

LIONS: Lownds, McClurg, Hunter, R. Stewart, Niven, J. Stewart, Mulvey, Hogg, Wright, Kelso, Best.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Dods, Nyskohus, Banfield, Flounders, Villani, Blair, Carter, Mullens, Rankin, Maxwell.

CROWD: 2,500

REFEREE: D. Monteverde



Steve O'Connor gains height from a hand on the shoulder of Sydney City team-mate David Mitchell. Olympic's Steve Paterson (left) joins in the action.

FOOTSCRAY FIGHTS

LION-HEARTED Footscray staged a magnificent fight back to hold South Melbourne to a 1-1 draw in the battle of the wooden-spooners at Middle Park.

Quickly recovering from an early goal by Charlie Egan, Footscray mounted an all out offensive through their midfield and held Souths under siege for more than 20 minutes.

Midfield power and defence efficiency, helped Footscray to level the game. Former Blacktown midfielder, Brian O'Donnell, committed a mistake in the 18th minute which resulted in South Melbourne's goal.

O'Donnell failed to turn the ball back to his goalkeeper, allowing Halford to lob it inside Dennis Boland's area.

Brown connected with the lob and headed across to Charlie Egan who placed the ball in the net above Boland's head.

Zdravko Lujic had a shot cleared off the line by Halford in the 73rd minute, denying him the opportunity to level the score. But the tricky forward engineered the equaliser one minute later, with a quick dash to the left, past South's flat-footed defence.

Lujic's perfect cross was headed into the net by incoming Jamie Paton.

Excellent goalkeeping by Dennis Boland in the second half prevented South Melbourne from taking the lead.

Boland became airborne in the 66th minute to deflect a well-taken free-kick by Ken Murphy and Oscar Crino missed the chance of the match just four minutes later when his powerful volley at an open goal scraped the cross-bar.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets Russell, Yzendoorn, Xanthopoulos, Blair, Davidson, Crino, Halford, Murphy, Egan, Brown (Wooddin 74).

FOOTSCRAY: Boland McDowell, Hazabent, Kyriakoulas, Tuttil, Belic, Taylor, Carroll, Paton (Purdie 74), Lujic.

REFEREE: D. Voutsinas. **CROWD:** 4,000.

By Con Nikolopoulos

ARROWS FIGHT BACK

By Steve Burns
CANBERRA, seemingly down and out at halftime, got off the floor and by total commitment pulled back a 2 nil deficit to Marconi

to easily earn a 2:2 draw at Bruce Stadium.

In fact they should have won.

Marconi's best friend in the second half was the

crossbar as twice headers from Canberra's Ian Gibson, beat goalkeeper Bruce James only to end up hitting the woodwork.

What a game it was.

It was outstanding spectator value yet only a pitifully small crowd of 1,350 paid to watch as it clashed with Monaro's State League game with Croatia.

Marconi opened their account with a Vic Bozanic penalty in the 10th minute, but it wasn't until the second minute of first half injury time that Marconi made it 2-0.

Rod Brown was the

scorer from a Rene Licata cross.

Then came Canberra's spirited second-half revival.

A superbly taken 61st minute goal from the head of Terry Byrne made it 2:1 and Canberra got the vital equaliser just six minutes later.

It too came from the penalty spot, the scorer being Steve Bryant.

It was all Canberra from then on with Gibson heading against the crossbar in the 72nd and 85th minutes.

As Canberra's coach, Atti Abonyi so correctly said "Canberra now has to produce this second half

form for 90 minutes...not 45 of every game."

Best performers were Bryant for Canberra and for Marconi Rene Licata who was excellent.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski Murray, Young, Christopoulos, Bryant, T. Byrne, Stone, Cole, Brennan, Farina, Gibson.

MARCONI: James Budini, Calderan, Rizzotto, Sermani, Jankovic, Hunter (Djordjevic 76), Licata, Brown Carbone.

REFEREE: B. Mee.

CROWD: 1,350.

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INCREASED SOCCER VIOLENCE

FOUR send offs and an attack on a referee marred the weekend Cadbury State League soccer programme in Tasmania. While physical violence against referees simply can not be condoned under any circumstances, the inconsistency of many referees is becoming a hot issue in soccer circles, reports 'VAN DIEMAN'.

The Juventus-Pioneer versus Croatia-Glenorchy game saw two Juventus players, Bruce Ward and Nick Di Martino, sent off and referee Alan Gray attacked by two angry spectators as he left the field after the game.

Kirkpatrick put Croatia in front with a penalty in the 19th minute and John Charlton equalized midway through the second half. Croatia managed to get its act together against only nine opponents, however, and Derek Trueman and Tony Bacic added further goals in the final ten minutes to give Croatia victory and a three point lead at the head of the standings.

Rapid-Wrest Point beat Caledonians through a Clifford Morgan goal scored in the 69th minute. Rapid's victory was achieved with only ten players as Nicky Cook has been sent off in controversial circumstances after only 12 minutes of the first half.

White Eagles looked doomed after losing 1-2 to University. Not even the presence of two Croatian players, Dennis Trueman and Alistair Payne, who have joined Eagles on loan, saved them against the students. Payne did open the scoring, and Trueman should have snapped up an easy chance from only three metres following Payne's cross, but goals from Crowther and Groat clipped Eagles' wings.

Olympia led Metro-Claremont at half-time through a Craig Nichols goal in the minute, the youngster pushing home the rebound after Michael Sherman's shot had struck the bar. Referee masters got in the act on the hour, however, when he awarded a penalty to Metro. Even the Metro players were puzzled but Hallam nevertheless struck home the kick.

John McIntyre gave Metro the lead, in between missing several gilded chances, before



Perry Forster, the league's leading marksman, scored with 8 minutes left to give Olympia a point.

With five minutes remaining, Forster was sent off for alleged abusive comments, only seconds after being cautioned for dissent, to end a weekend

that most Soccer supporters will want to forget.

Results: Rapid-Wrest Point 1 Caledonians 0, Croatia-Glenorchy 3 Juventus-Pioneer 1, University 2 White Eagles 1, Olympia 2 Metro-Claremont 2.

Standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	13	9	2	2	34	18	20
Olympia	13	6	5	2	30	23	17
Juventus	12	8	1	3	26	13	17
Rapid	12	6	2	4	19	17	14
Caledonians	13	4	3	6	26	24	11
Metro	12	4	3	5	20	21	11
University	13	4	0	9	20	42	8
White Eagles	12	1	0	11	12	38	2

COE LOAN

THE passing of the Queensland Soccer Federation transfer deadline on June 30 produced the expected rush of extension appeal and one of the more interesting was one for former St George and Brisbane City National League goalkeeper Martin Coe.

Coe has been playing

for the past two seasons on loan from City with Premier League club Valley Trident.

But first division club Bardon Juniors sought an extension to negotiate a transfer loan on Coe.

According to a club official Coe approached Bardon after the new Valley Trident committee,



Coe (above) and Scanlon (below)

elected mid-season after a massive upheaval, went back on his contract and refused to meet the agreed match payments.

Reportedly Coe told the Bardon club he just wanted to get out of Valley Trident and did not particularly want to play goalkeeper with the first divisioners. According to the official Coe said he would be happy playing as a striker for the Bardon Reserve team.

Other extensions were sought by six other clubs including Brisbane Lions and City. Lions applied for extensions in relation to Frank Farina, who eventually went on loan to Canberra Arrows, and goalkeepers Greg Marshall, Tony Scanlan and Robbie Farrow.

Lions have been keen to trial Farrow, a member of the Queensland squad for the interstate clash with New South Wales in May, and looked set to get him in a swap with Acacia Ridge involving Greg Marshall.

Lions gave Scanlan permission to look for another club after work commitments curtail the time he could devote to training. Lions also had a surplus of keepers after signing former St George keeper Brett Beves.

Brisbane City obtained an extension to complete its signing of Australian Institute of Sport player Luciano Fabrizio while Newmarket was attempting to sign former State League player Pat Leathan from Nambour Red.

Other clubs involved in last minute transfer included Virginia United and St Helen's.

HOT OLYMPIC

BRISBANE Olympic has emerged as hot favorite to win the Queensland Premier League Premiership after finishing out in front following the strongest challenge yet to its leadership.

In the past two weeks Olympic swapped the lead four times with second placed side Mount Gravatt as the two teams played mid-week games then clashed with each other at Dittmer Park last week.

Olympic beat the Hawks 1-0 in a spiteful game to resume a two point margin at the top of



the competition, which is beginning to become a two horse race.

A first half Tom McGregor goal was enough to give Olympic the points against Mount Gravatt and if the Greek-backed team can survive the next two rounds it appears to have a downhill path to the title.

Olympic plays Ipswich United at home this weekend — probably it's toughest game remaining this season. Ipswich thumped Brisbane Lions 4-0 in its last Premier League match, with former Lions NSL striker Ron Millman getting a hat-trick, and is desperate to get points to climb into the top four.

Olympic's following game is against top four sides Easts, who have slipped down the table after holding a commanding lead early. After that Olympic plays the three bottom sides in its final five matches and should have enough points to win its first trophy since coming back into State's top competition two years ago.

But Mount Gravatt is renowned for its fighting qualities and is certain to maintain the pressure right until the end.

This weekend the Hawks should pick up

both points against Sunnyside but then face a difficult two weeks when they play Ipswich away and arch rivals Easts at home. Two weeks later Mount Gravatt clashes with its old adversary, Grange Thistle.

On present form no team looks capable of catching either Mount Gravatt but if Thistle can overcome injuries to several key players, it could prove to be the big finisher.

Other Premier League games this weekend North Star face Brisbane City, which in its last match scored only its second win of the season with a 2-1 result over Taringa, the unpredictable Acacia Ridge host the unimpressive Valley Trident, Easts, struggling to regain early season form visit the inconsistent Lions, while Taringa face an uphill battle at home to Thistle.

A MISS ARROW WANTED!

WOLLONGONG City — with its Miss Wollongong Quest — could have started a trend. Now Canberra Arrows have launched a Miss Canberra Arrows Quest — the first in the club's history.

The idea comes from Canberra's administrator, Ms Karen Grega.

"Whoever wins the quest will assist with promotional work around the ACT," Ms Grega explained.

The Quest is open to any Canberra girl aged 17 years and over and the prizes are attractive:

- a NZ cruise from the Travel Team agency, and
- a modelling course from the Kimberley Modelling Agency.

Agency owner Gwen Conder will also act as one of the judges of the Miss Canberra Quest contest.

Ms Grega said judging and crowning would take place at Canberra's end of season presentation night.

"We are looking to make this a big night with other presentations including the Player-of-the-Year at the NSL and other levels within the club," Ms Grega said.

"The date has yet to be fixed but it will be towards the end of October or early in November."

— Steve Burns



"I'm not referring to the open space on the field. I'm talking about the open space between your ears."

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VICTORIA REPORTING



Aris of Salonica visit banned.

ASF BAN ARIS AND BOAVISTA

BY FRED VILLIERS

THE Australian Soccer Federation has banned teams from Greece and Portugal from touring Australia next month.

The big Melbourne Greek community is up in arms over the decision. They were looking forward to seeing Aris of Greece and Boavista of Portugal playing at Olympic Park during the

first week of August.

The teams also planned to play in Sydney.

I understand the ASF imposed the ban because they felt it would take the glamour away from the tournament to be held here in November which includes Poland, Uruguay, Cameroon and Australia.

An official of the Australian-based company organising the Greek and Portuguese tour, Alan Lilja, says he fails to understand the ASF attitude.

And the Greeks of Mel-

bourne, who are Soccer's best supporters, say the ASF is unfair in its attitude in not allowing them to see a team from their homeland.

It was intended for Aris and Boavista to play Heidelberg United in Melbourne and Marconi in Sydney.

A competition would allow the Australian club team finishing on top to take part in a tournament in South America next year.

One of the biggest disappointments in Mel-

bourne is the banning of the tour without notification to VSF officials.

Local ASF delegates John Dimtsis and Frank Burin said they knew nothing about the ban when asked.

NSL chairman Sam Papasavas also didn't know anything about the banning of the tour.

TERRY Hennessey, the former Derby County and Welsh international, wants to coach in Australia.

At present he is coaching one of the top sides in

the North American Soccer League — Tulsa Roughnecks.

Tulsa are doing well and he has already been offered a very lucrative contract to stay with the club for a further two seasons.

With players of the calibre of Ron Futcher, from Luton and Manchester City, and international players from all over the world it is a tempting offer.

Hennessey is one of the

most experienced coaches in the States but feels it is time he moved on after three successful years with the club.

The tough centre half had an immaculate record on the pitch during his 13 years as a professional player.

His playing days began in 1960 at Birmingham City, and he moved on to Nottingham Forest and then to Derby County where he played under the legendary Brian Clough.

This transfer in the 1970 season made history as it was the first time a defender had been bought for more than £100,000.

The Derby team won the championship and Hennessey won the respect of Clough, an achievement in itself.

His successes continued

and he went on to represent Wales 39 times. He was captain on 20 occasions.

Terry went to the States in 1979 as assistant coach to Alan Hinton, but when Hinton got the sack, Hennessey took over the head coach's job.

If Hennessey does come out, it will see him reunited with his son Dean who has done a great job at the back for Albion Rovers in his first season.

Hennessey's father told me: "Terry would like to coach in Australia. His contract is up in October and he has told the club he will be leaving."

"After three years with Tulsa he wants a change, and he feels Australia is where the challenge lies."

"He has a good reputation in the game, and more important he is not a money grabber. He loves Soccer and wants to pass on his knowledge to other players," said Mr Hennessey.

We hear the critics say there is not enough good coaches in Australia, here is one of the best in America — and he's not expensive.

Let us see if the clubs really want to get good coaches or do they just want an excuse for not doing well.

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SIR JOE Richards, former president of the English Football League, once said in a New Year's Day message to the clubs that his best friend was the man who takes his son to a Soccer match!



Denis Law days, when fans were crowds

In these days of trials and tribulations over falling crowds and financial difficulties, here in Australia this message really hits home.

And if you can find a man who not only takes his son to a game, but also his wife and his mother-in-law, then Australian Soccer really has a friend.

The problem of missing crowds and empty seats at our grounds is a serious one and a solution to the problem will need to be found by our administrators.

The game can't prog-

ress without the support from the general public and this is the first point that must be realised in all future planning.

The only way to win

back the thousands of missing spectators is to give the public what it wants - not what some marketing genius wants to force upon them!

And the quicker this point is realised by the powers to be, then the quicker the ailment will be remedied.

From the players point of view, the lack of big crowds at stadiums is soul destroying. It is hard to raise enthusiasm when only a small crowd is on show.

The climax to any professional footballer's week should be the moment he leaves the dressing room, runs down the corridor and emerges onto the pitch to the roar of the crowd.

This is a Soccer players lifeblood and he needs this ingredient to get the adrenalin pumping through his veins to bring the best out of him.

Ask any of the Young Socceroos who played in the recent World Youth Cup Finals in Mexico what it was like playing in front of 110,000 at the Aztec Stadium and you will be answered in a stream of superlatives.

gredient.

My good friend, former Scotland and Manchester United captain and Torino star Denis Law, is now head sportscaster with Granada Television

THE SILENCE IS DEAFENING

BY TOM ANDERSON

The world's greatest players thrive on performing in front of big crowds and could not perform to their full capacity without this necessary in-

in Manchester, England. He recalls his playing days and the importance of big crowds to his performances.

"I played in every

corner of the world and I loved every minute of it even in front of hostile crowds," Denis told me.

"Soccer needs big crowds and players need big crowds even more."

"There were some magnificent moments of vocal support during my career with Scotland, Huddersfield, Manchester United, Manchester City and Torino."

"There was also a great difference between the crowd in Italy from the ones in Britain."

"The Italian football crowd is only interested in winning and success for the side it is supporting and the lengths they take their fanaticism to is sensational."

"A long high pitched whistle is their greeting to every move the opposition makes and they regularly set off firecrackers and smoke bombs which are tossed dangerously close to the players. I feel that the barriers and moats have saved many a player from a physical mauling in Italy. But despite this it's still marvellous to play in Italy."

"In Britain the most vocal supporters must be at Liverpool where thousands of Liverpudlians amass themselves on the Spion Kop behind one of the goals at Anfield."

"We're going to hang Denis Law from the Kop, was their cry and it certainly got the adrenalin running. I always managed to play well at Anfield."

"At Old Trafford there is the Stretford-end, a

noisy, extrovert gang of fans who have successfully taken up the role of cheering United on to victory."

"The noisiest place I ever played was at Hampden Park, Glasgow in my first international for Scotland against England in front of 134,000 fans."

"For me the Scots fans are the best in the world and they know how to get a player and a team going."

"Football and footballers need big crowds and to get them spectators need to be catered for properly."

I endorse Law's words completely and I sincerely hope that the people in charge of our Soccer in Australia have a full grasp of the present crucial situation.

Soccer must give the paying customer what the customer wants if he is to return week after week through the turnstiles.

A perfect example of what should not happen is the first match against England at the SCG recently when a marvellous crowd of 28,000 turned up for the game.

They paid for and wanted to watch an entertaining game of Soccer.

Their wishes were not granted. They were dish up negative football.

So the decision that has to be made is to attract more spectators by giving the paying customer what he wants or to chase people away by attempting to force an unacceptable commodity upon them.

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PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

PETER OLLERTON

OLLERTON SHOOT FOR NSL TITLE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

HE'S THE youngest coach in the NSL, a former Australian World Cup striker, previous top goalscorer of the league, and now his team Preston is sitting on top of the ladder and looking a major threat to take the title from champions Sydney City.

PERSONAL BRIEF:
BORN: May 20, 1951, Preston, Lancashire.

HEIGHT: 6ft 1in.
MARRIED?: "Yes to Jill my wife of eight years. We have two children (Linsey, a six-year-old girl and Ryan, our two-year-old son.)"

POSITION?: "Striker, now sweeper."

CLUBS PLAYED FOR?: "I was an apprentice with Blackpool. Then I went for a spell to Liverpool under Bill Shankly for five months as a striker."

"I came to Australia in 1971 to play for Victorian club, Ringwood-Wilhemina for two years."

"I was then transferred to Sydney club, Apia for three years, South Melbourne for



just over two years, Marconi for half a season and Footscray for two years. I finally came to rest with Preston in 1980 as a player and have been player-coach since 1981."

INTERNATIONAL CAPS?: 31.

GOALS SCORED FOR AUSTRALIA?: 16.

INJURIES?: His wife Jill said: "When Peter came back from Germany in 1974, at the end of that season, he had to have an operation to scrape his knee cap. Other than that he had two teeth knocked out by a centre-back. The centre-back in question and Peter are now very good friends."

OCCUPATION?: Sales Rep with Rothmans.

That's Preston's 32-year-old English-born, player-coach, Peter Ollerton, a dedicated young man who has worked wonders with the Melbourne club.

Since the National Soccer League began in 1977, the competition has been dominated by the big spending Sydney clubs. Only in 1978 has the championship left Sydney, when Scottish coach, Jim Adam, against all odds, took West Adelaide to the title.

This year the NSL Championship could leave Sydney again.

At the beginning of the season, who would have predicted that Victoria's unfashionable Preston, could serve as a serious threat to the 1983 NSL championship?

"Big Ollie", as he is affectionately known, is a man of few words. He has plugged along doing his job, picking up points every week.

Yet very little is heard from this former Australian World Cup striker.

Ollerton is the only sur-

vivor from Australia's famous 1974 squad which challenged at the World Cup Finals in West Germany who is still playing in the NSL.

The knockers have been waiting for Preston to crash, but it hasn't happened.

Let's find out more about this man Ollerton and hear some of his rare comments on Soccer.

■ ■ ■

Q: What do you look for in a top player?

A: "It depends on the position you mean. For a defender, for example, I want the player to have good, physical strength and sheer determination. For a striker I would like him to be sharp, have pace and good skills. For a midfielder, basically all these attributes, plus creativeness."

Q: How much control have you over the Preston squad?

A: "Full control with no interference. I am the sole

selector. I am allowed to buy who I want. I do certain contracts and evaluations together with my assistant, Nick Bosko."

Q: Do you still enjoy being a player as well as being saddled with the coaching position?

A: "Very much so. At 32, time is running out for me as a player. Soccer has been very good to me and I hope I am capable of playing for a little while longer. Of course, these days not as a striker, but I can still contribute playing down the back as a sweeper."

Q: Which teams do you rate for this year's NSL championship?

A: "Sydney City has to be considered. St George, Newcastle and maybe even Sydney Olympic if they can be a little more consistent. Newcastle has been a very steady side and made a couple of good signings this year to strengthen."

"But my club Preston has been on top for a few weeks now, and we are looking at consistency. Don't discount us as serious contenders for the title."

Q: Which side has surprised you this season?

A: "Newcastle KB. As I

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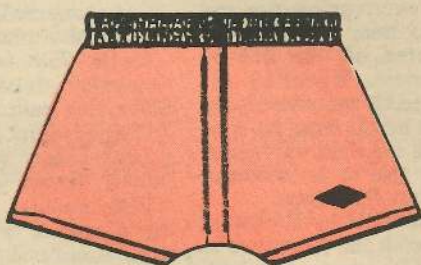
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EAGLES SOAR



MELITA Eagles climbed to the top of the ladder following their workman-like 2-0 victory over Avala.

The first half was keenly contested by both attacks but defences stood firm and consequently the scoreline remained 0-0 at the break.

The second half proved the crunch for the injury-plagued Avala side. In fact, both of Melita's goals were highlighted by the individual attacking skills of Farnsworth and McKie.

Early into the game a low free-kick by Muniz from 35 metres was well handled by McPherson. Melita replied seconds later when a cross from the right side was mis-handled by Ahrens and McKie darted through to hit just wide.

Midway through the half newly promoted 17 year old striker Farnsworth ran on to a through ball but Ahrens dived low to thwart this attempt.

The best opportunity to score in the first half fell to Melita in the 35th minute. McAusland powerfully headed a clearance through for Duarte and with the goal in shooting range he unselfishly elected to pass the ball to the unmarked Farnsworth on the left. His attempt was cleared off the line.

One minute later a short corner from the right found Muniz free and his cross surprised McPherson to rebound off the post and out of play.

Minutes before the break Farnsworth made a fine individual run turning inside three defenders and smashing the ball just over the crossbar.

Farnsworth carried on where he had left off in the first half and scored Melita's first goal in the 47th minute after he latched on to a through ball, beat Barton's attempt to gain possession and drove the ball low into goal.

Moments later a Jamieson free-kick from the right was met by McKie who just headed wide. In the 71st minute McKie once again looked for goal and his attempt was headed over the crossbar by Barton.

Melita almost went further ahead in the 82nd minute when a poor attempt back pass to Ahrens was scooped up by McKie and his shot was parried clear by Ahrens.

Moments later Avala almost equalised when a throw-in from Vujnovic, who never stopped trying for the home side, was controlled by MacKenzie and his shot from 35 metres was tipped over the crossbar by McPherson.

McKie sealed Avala's fate with three minutes remaining when he made a darting run inside three opposing defenders and drove the ball into goal.

Melita have received their just reward for the successful trot in recent weeks and now lead the competition by one point. It was a positive team effort from all the Melita players... playing as a well drilled unit. Raul Blanco was a



Richie Williams: continuing his fine run of form.

happy coach after the game.

"It was a good match played in the right spirit and nobody can deny how hard the players have worked to reach the top of the ladder. Young 17 year old striker Wayne Farnsworth had a particularly strong full first grade debut.

In the injury-riddled Avala side Vujnovic and MacKenzie were always powerful in defence while Tilt and Fernandez continually pushed forward at every opportunity. Avala coach Buck Kristic although disappointed at losing conceded that Melita were the better side.

"You can't deny that Melita's experience showed

in the second half but after facing Blacktown last week and Manly the week before we have had a strenuous program and injuries to Burrows, Lembryk, Barton, and Vujnovic in recent weeks haven't helped us."

MELITA: A. McPherson, Williams, Cross, McAusland, Daley, Griffith, Duarte, Jamieson, Farnsworth, Farrugia, McKie.

AVALA: Ahrens, MacKenzie, Deller, Barton, Vujnovic, Milne, Hosseini (Youseph 66), Muniz, Tilt, Fernandez, Mahamah (Fontana 53).

GOALS: Melita (Farnsworth 47, McKie 87).

WELL FOUGHT

BANKSTOWN and Cant-Mville fought out an entertaining 2-2 draw at the Soccer Centre.

Bankstown were rewarded for their forward movements early into the game with a goal in the 11th minute. Blackburn ran on to a through ball from half-way and outpaced the defence to slot it past the advancing El Zein.

The Berries almost levelled terms in the 28th minute when a poor back pass to Lohman deceived him and Agostino was on hand to clear the ball away from goal.

In the 38th minute Theodorakopoulos equalised when he outjumped everyone to head the ball home following a corner.

The second half was played at a brisk pace with goalscoring chances falling to both sides.

Opportunities for Silines in the 51st minute and York in the 56th minute didn't bear fruit for the home side. On the other hand Laing almost put the Berries ahead after he outran York in a fight for possession but shot straight at the well positioned Lohman.

However Lohman was badly positioned minutes later when a 35 meter drive from Basterfield deceived him and sailed under the crossbar. Virtually straight from the kick-off Bankstown levelled. York played the ball wide for Agostino and his cross saw Parker and Silines combine

with the latter driving the ball into goal.

In the last 20 minutes, the Canterbury attack poured on pressure but the young Bankstown defence stood firm and the scoreline remained the same.

The Bankstown performance was highlighted by the defensive efforts of Vaughan, a promising youngster playing his first full game in first grade, King, Kennedy and Agostino who are all continuing their fine run of form.

For the Berries Palmer was solid in defence, Anagnostopoulos was threatening on the attack, Laing creative in midfield and Theodorakopoulos always dangerous in front of goal.

BANKSTOWN: Lohman, Kennedy, Vaughan, King, Agostino, Parker, Bourke, Sirett, Blackburn, York, Silines.

CANT-MVILLE: El Zein, Antonopoulos, Hantzis, Laws (Binos 69), Palmer, Andreou, Laing, Anagnostopoulos, Theodorakopoulos, Philipiou, Basterfield.

GOALS: Bankstown (Blackburn 11, Silines 68), Cant-Mville (Theodorakopoulos 38, Basterfield 66).

AUBURN and Yugal played out a 1-1 draw in a first round deferred game at Melita Stadium.

It was an inspiring first half with skilful play.

However the standard in the second half didn't live up to the excitement of the first.

In the 14th minute a cross from Kilkelly found Carney unmarked on the far post but he headed over the bar. Yugal hit back and were rewarded with a goal after a poor defensive clearance saw the ball hit the crossbar and rebound. It was hit home by the unmarked Pahor.

Yugal almost made it 2-0 when Zivkovic passed the ball through for Pahor who shot just wide. Minutes later Jones set up Martinez just outside the area but his attempt went just wide.

Auburn levelled moments before the break when McDermott laid the ball on for Martinez. He beat a defender and passed to Kelly who smashed the ball into goal.

The second half was a tight battle with neither side looking like scoring.

In the 76th minute Tanoski laid the ball on for Bonic and with the goal at his mercy he shot wide. In the 83rd minute Carney set up McDermott but his attempt sailed over the crossbar.

Yugal were best served by Gogic, Zivkovic, who always looked dangerous and McIntosh while for Auburn, Carney played strongly up front. Jones in midfield and Planinic in defence stood out.

YUGAL: Berry, Turkoglu, Forrester, McIntosh, Clarke, Pahor, Baumgartner (Cumming 81), Gogic, Bonic, Zivkovic, Tanoski.

AUBURN: Bowman, Kelly, Kilkelly, Planinic, Hardwick, Jones (Quigley 81), McDermott, Bobinac, Townson, Martinez (Kinsey 74), Carney.

GOAL: Yugal (Pahor 18), Auburn (Kelly 43).

STILL IN THE RUN

INTER MONARO built up their hopes for a spot in the top four when they drew 0-0 with Croatia in front of 1,000 spectators at the Marco Polo Oval.

The game started at a brisk pace and the first opportunity fell to Croatia. Silva made a dashing run and set up Savor but his 25 meter drive sailed over the crossbar. Duvnjak replied for Monaro when his solid drive just missed the crossbar.

Croatia started pressing the Inter-Monaro goal and consequently found a gap in the 19th minute when a close range shot from Basic was brilliantly saved by Hogan.

Minutes before the break a cross from Reis found MacLeod free and with Watson out of position he missed the ball completely.

The second half was played in the same manner with both sides creating opportunities but poor finishing thwarting them. In the 60th minute Willox crossed the ball to Godzik. He beat two defenders but was brought down. From the free-kick his shot was saved by Watson.

Croatia continued to

push forward but the solid defensive work from Santolin and Francis hindered them.

Croatia created the best move of the game in the 88th minute and the ball finished in the back of the net. Rezo crossed to Arnold: he laid the ball on for Tomasic but his drive into the net was ruled offside.

CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasic, M.Kovacic, Sterrey, Basic, Silva (Davis 13 A.Kovacic 40), Savor, Arnold, Rezo, Holloway.

INTER MONARO: Hogan, Domazetovich, Charles, Santolin, Francis, Willox, Duvnjak (Vieri 60), MacLeod (Monterosso 45), Godzik, Lawler, Reis.



Stuart Selvage: an inspired effort in midfield.

TRI-BLACKTOWN!

BLACKTOWN hit the winning trail with an effective 3-0 victory over Auburn at the Gabbie Stadium.

Auburn had a major share of possession in the first half but tiredness late in the game, a result of playing Yugal two days earlier, took its toll and the Demons sealed the issue scoring two goals in the last 15 minutes.

In the 12th minute a cross from Walker was met by Stoddart but his header was saved by Bowman. Carney replied in the 20th minute when his hard drive was blocked by Pointer and the rebound attempt by Kinsey brought out a magic save from Hoare.

Midway through the half McLaughlin exhibited his attacking flair with a scorching 30 meter drive which just missed the crossbar.

Bobinac almost scored for the visitors but his shot on the turn went wide.

Minutes before the break an overlapping run and cross from Wheatley was cleared off the line by Planinic. Wheatley received his just reward in the 46th minute when his cross from the right was headed into goal by his defensive partner Rasmussen.

Attempts by Brogan in the 66th and Rasmussen in the 67th minutes were both fired wide. The Demons went ahead 2-0 in the 75th minute after substitute Davies crossed the ball from the right flank and Pointer leapt up to head into goal.

With three minutes remaining Pearson drove the ball solidly from 12 metres but it was parried by Bowman and the rebound was driven home by Brogan.

For Blacktown, Selvage and Stoddart dominated

the midfield while Rasmussen played with enthusiasm in defence.

Auburn were best served by Bowman despite the scoreline, Carney was dangerous on the flank and Hardwick always in the action.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Wheatley, Rasmussen, Turnbull, Pointer, Selvage, Brogan, Stoddart, Walker (Pearson 72), McLaughlin, Kirwan (Davies 62).

AUBURN: Bowman, Kelly, Kilkelly, Planinic, Hardwick, Jones (Townson 56), McDermott, Quigley, Kinsey, Bobinac, Carney.

GOALS: Blacktown (Rasmussen 46, Pointer 75, Brogan 87).

CHASERS TAME POLONIA

KU-RING-GAI moved into fourth position in the competition following their 1-0 win over a resolute Polonia at Parklands Oval.

Ku-Ring-Gai revealed their superiority in the early part of the game. A corner from Chaloner was fisted by Barker but only towards goal where it was headed off the line. In the 14th minute a long range shot from Regan was tipped over the bar by Barker.

Ku-Ring-Gai drew blood in the 21st minute when Brockbank competently put Eaton through and his curling cross from the by-line was volleyed into goal by Regan.

An Eaton header was turned around the post by Barker in the 24th minute and moments later Kevern glanced a ball from a corner towards goal and it rolled along the crossbar.

Polonia almost equalised in the 38th minute from a breakaway but with the 'keeper to beat, Owczarek headed over the bar. In the 55th minute Polonia had a hand-ball appeal in the penalty area rejected.

Attempts at goal by Eaton in the 60th and 65th minutes were blocked and intercepted by defenders.

Midway through the half Ziggy Garlowski was sent through on the left and in his assault at goal his attempt went high and wide. Geekie repeated Garlowski's attempt moments later and his shot also went wide.

In the 75th minute a powerful drive from Eaton was palmed away by Barker. Minutes later a Leak header was brilliantly tipped over the

With minutes remaining desperate attempts from Kowalcysk, Tracey and Suigley didn't bear fruit.

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Kevern (Hammond 53), Watson, Bertram, Robertson, Chaloner, Knight, Brockbank, Regan, Eaton, Leak (Williamson 84).

POLONIA: Barker, I.Garlowski, Suigley, Geekie, Galas, Z.Garlowski, Kowalcysk, Ortega (Fuller 87), Owczarek, Tracey, Lasek.

GOALS: Ku-Ring-Gai (Regan 21).

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TABLES

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita	17	12	2	3	32	10	26
Croatia	16	10	5	1	29	8	25
Blacktown	16	11	0	5	33	16	22
Ku-Ring-Gai	16	7	5	4	19	15	19
Sutherland	15	7	4	4	20	15	18
Avala	16	6	6	4	21	19	18
Inter-Monaro	16	5	6	5	22	18	16
Manly	17	5	5	7	25	28	15
Yugal	16	4	7	5	16	22	15
Polonia	15	3	5	7	19	27	11
Cant-M'ville	17	4	3	10	22	34	11
Bankstown	17	2	4	11	19	40	8
Auburn	16	2	2	12	17	42	6

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	16	12	4	0	45	13	28
Manly	17	11	2	4	42	20	24
Melita	17	9	6	2	53	31	24
Ku-Ring-Gai	15	8	6	1	36	13	22
Bankstown	15	9	4	2	36	20	22
Sutherland	14	10	0	4	43	13	20
Croatia	16	6	4	6	29	25	16
Auburn	16	5	3	8	23	33	13
Avala	16	4	4	8	27	33	12
Cant-M'ville	17	4	1	12	23	43	9
Yugal	16	2	3	11	16	61	7
Polonia	15	1	3	11	10	45	5
Inter-Monaro	16	1	2	13	10	45	4

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cant-M'ville	16	9	6	1	25	12	24
Melita	16	7	7	2	37	17	21
Sutherland	12	9	0	3	33	13	18
Manly	16	7	4	5	37	21	18
Polonia	14	6	1	5	16	19	17
Blacktown	15	5	6	4	30	19	16
Croatia	13	5	6	2	25	17	16
Bankstown	13	4	4	5	22	12	12
Ku-Ring-Gai	15	3	4	8	16	25	10
Auburn	13	3	4	6	16	30	10
Avala	15	2	4	9	18	37	8
Yugal	14	0	2	12	11	54	2

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rockdale	18	12	3	3	44	21	27
Gladesville	17	11	3	3	34	22	25
Warr-N'been	16	9	4	3	29	15	22
Fairy Meadow	17	9	4	4	29	20	22
Wollongong Utd	17	7	6	4	29	19	20
Artarmon	17	8	3	6	33	25	19
Revesby Wkrs	17	5	9	3	34	27	19
Penrith Utd	16	5	7	4	23	16	17
Dee Why	16	6	5	5	23	25	17
Blacktown Utd	17	5	4	8	17	20	14
Uni of NSW	18	4	5	9	16	28	13
Nth Bankstown	16	4	3	9	26	30	11
Parra City	18	1	6	11	13	37	8
Belmore	16	0	4	14	10	4	

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	17	12	4	1	41	15	28
Gladesville	17	11	4	2	49	11	26
Revesby	17	11	1	5	44	22	23
Warr-N'been	16	7	7	2	28	13	21
Wollongong Utd	17	9	2	6	38	34	20

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	17	16	0	1	68	15	32
Penrith Utd	14	12	1	1	49	17	25
Dee Why	16	9	3	4	30	18	21
Gladesville	17	7	7	3	34	22	21
Uni of NSW	18	8	5	5	28	21	21
Parra City	18	7	4	7	25	30	18
Warr-N'been	16	5	4	7	26	29	14
Belmore	18	6	2	10	26	30	14
Nth Bankstown	15	6	2	7	26	35	14
Blacktown	17	5	4	8	27	37	14
Rockdale	18	5	4	9	21	36	14
Wollongong	16	3	5	8	23	32	11
Artarmon	17	4	3	10	33	46	11
Revesby Wkrs	17	1	2	14	12	57	4

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bathurst 75	15	10	3	2	26	8	23
Queens Park	13	9	2	2	26	9	20
Nth Ryde	16	8	4	4	26	18	20
Campbelltown	14	6	6	2	31	16	18
Mt Druitt Twn	16	7	4	5	22	24	18
Gladesville Hby	14	6	4	4	16	15	16
Bondi Marine	15	5	4	6	29	19	14
Liverpool Albion	15	4	6	5	20	17	14
Kingsford	12	4	3	5	15	23	11
Lane Cove Utd	15	3	4	8	17	33	10
CSI	15	3	1	11	15	28	7
Baulkham Hills	14	1	1	12	12	45	3

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Campbelltown	14	8	4	2	24	12	20
Bondi Marine	15	7	6	2	29	19	20
Nth Ryde	16	7	5	4	22	20	19
CSI	15	6	5	4	27	21	17
Gladesville	14	6	4	4	25	18	16
Mt Druitt Twn	16	6	4	6	26	24	16
Liverpool Albion	15	5	4	6	15	11	14
Baulkham Hills	14	4	6	4	18	18	14
Queens Park	13	4	5	4	20	16	13
Bathurst 75	15	3	4	8	17	24	10
Lane Cove Utd	15	3	3	9	16	36	9
Kingsford	12	1	4	7	16	36	6

DIVISION 3 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Gladesville	14	11	3	0	40	7	25
Campbelltown	14	10	2	2	31	12	22
Queens Park	13	9	2	2	41	12	20
Baulkham Hills	14	8	2	4	29	11	18
CSI	15	6	5	4	23	24	17
Bathurst 75	15	6	3	6	28	27	15
Liverpool Albion	15	6	2	7	30	21	14
Mt Druitt Twn	15	6	2	7	24	25	14
Bondi Marine	14	5	3	6	20	30	13
Kingsford	12	4	2	6	10	17	10
Nth Ryde	16	1	1	14	19	57	3
Lane Cove	15	0	1	14	6	58	1

SUTHERLAND started their charge for a spot in the top four following their 2-1 victory over a dogged Manly at Cromer Park.

It was Manly who piled on the pressure in the first 30 minutes but solid work from the Sharks defence held them at bay. Sutherland gained momentum towards the end of the first period and were rewarded with a goal in the 40th minute after Beggs won possession on the right wing, crossed the ball into the crowded goalmouth and Groome was unmarked to score.

Sutherland went further ahead in the 52nd minute after Beggs found himself clear: his first attempt was blocked by Cassetari but with the second chance he made no mistake.

Vale must have felt unlucky in the second half when in the 55th minute he appeared to be sandwiched inside the area. In the 68th minute, he split the defence and going around Haynes seemed to be hindered in his attempt at goal and hit the ball into the side netting.

Manly scored their consolation goal in the 73rd minute when a corner from Peter Falconer was headed down by his brother Keith and Smith was on hand to drive into goal.

MANLY: Cassetari, Williamson, Knoble, K.Falconer, Scott, R.Jones, Steven (M.Jones 81), Vale, Smith, P.Falconer, Stuart.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Terry, Schuman, Cashman, Harrington, Clinch, Beggs, Groome, Johnston.

GOALS: Sutherland (Groome 40, Beggs 52), Manly (Smith 73).

Peter Beggs: goal-hungry for Sutherland.

WATSON'S CROSSES

I don't think I've ever been so cold before a match as I was before our clash with Footscray at Schintler Reserve in Melbourne.

As we ran out onto the pitch for the kick-off, the set-up reminded me of my junior playing days back in Scotland: bumpy pitch, freezing cold, a handful of supporters, a gale force wind and a funny green and white ball made for kids Soccer.

Any stranger to our code would definitely have been excused for thinking he was at the wrong ground for an NSL fixture.

I honestly think I can say that if I had to turn out there week after week, I would have hung up my boots years ago. It certainly doesn't inspire players to reach any great heights.

Even in the dressing rooms you find the same sort of atmosphere where a small wall-heater is expected to heat the place up.

It's probably just as well there is no room inside to change as we had to huddle up together to keep warm.

If that wasn't enough, after the game the showers didn't work properly and add the fuel that we were beaten 2-1 with almost the last kick of the match, and you have a very bad tempered bunch of players.

I am sure our players will be determined to recover from that game, but thank God there is only one Schintler Reserve in Australia.

A lot of criticism is being directed on the present

format of the NSL, but have we really given Australia's premier Soccer competition a fair go?

Since the inception of the League, our expert administrators have constantly chopped and changed its format.

The Phillips Cup for instance has become a total joke and I doubt now whether it's really being taken seriously by all the clubs or by all the players.

Then there's the "Top Four Series". What top four series you may ask?

One year we have it, the next year we don't.

So who can blame people for not taking us seriously when our whole week-end programme is cancelled because of an interstate game. And what few loyal Soccer fans we have, in some instances, missed out on NSL Soccer for three or four weeks.

Is this what we call giving the NSL a fair go? Not in my book.

I don't care what shape or size our competition will have next year, but it will definitely not make any headway if it is continued to be run by our administrators in a similar fashion as in previous years.

Once and for all they must decide on a sensible format and give it a chance to be successful and not change it around every time a newspaper critic lets off steam.



Joe

N.S.W. SOCCER FEDERATION

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TOP ACTION SOCCER

DIVISION 1

Saturday July 23

Auburn v Avala Monar Park

Sunday July 24

Polonia v Inter Monaro Chopin Park
S.S.C. Yugal v Ku-ring-gai Fraser Park
Bankstown v Melita Eagles Soccer Centre
Manly Warringah v Croatia Cromer Park
Sutherland v Blacktown City Seymour Shaw Park

DIVISION 2

Saturday July 23

Gladesville Ravens v Rockdale Peel Park
Artarmon v Warringah N'been v Artarmon Reserve

Sunday July 24

Dee Why v Artarmon Graham Reserve
Uni of NSW v Blacktown Utd Little Bay Oval
Fairy Meadow v Revesby Workers Police Boys Grd
North Bankstown v Parramatta City Potts Park
Penrith Utd v Warringah N'been Cook Park
Belmore v Wollongong Utd Blick Oval

DIVISION 1

Saturday July 30

Inter Monaro v S.S.C. Yugal Marco Polo Oval

Sunday July 31

Manly v Polonia Cromer Park
Ku-ring-gai v Cant-M'ville Oly Parklands Oval
Blacktown City v Croatia Sydney Gabbie Stadium
Avala v Sutherland Shire Knight Park
Melita Eagles v Auburn Melita Stadium

DIVISION 2

Saturday July 30

Artarmon v Blacktown United Artarmon Reserve
Revesby Workers v Parramatta City Jensen Oval

Sunday July 31

Warringah N'been v Dee Why Narrabeen Fitness Camp
Uni of NSW v Fairy Meadow Little Bay Oval
Rockdale v Penrith United Hurstville Oval
Wollongong United v Gladesville Ravens Berkeley Spts Grd
Belmore v North Bankstown Blick Oval

NSW FEDERATION RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE 1ST DIVISION

	1	2	3
Yugal v Auburn	1-1	3-1	1-1
Bankstown v Cant-M'ville Oly	2-2	3-1	1-1
Ku-ring-gai v Polonia	1-0	2-0	1-1
Inter Monaro v Croatia Sydney	0-0	0-5	-
Manly Warringah v Sutherland Shire	1-2	1-0	1-2
Blacktown City v Auburn	3-0	3-0	d5-1
Avala v Melita Eagles	0-2	0-1	1-4

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION

Revesby Workers v Blacktown United	1-3	4-1	2-3
Artarmon v Penrith United	1-1	1-1	2-4
Rockdale v Belmore	5-0	2-3	1-2
Uni of NSW v Dee Why	0-0	0-2	1-0
Fairy Meadow v Parramatta City	2-0	5-1	5-1
Warringah N'been v Gladesville Ravens	0-1	1-1	1-2
Wollongong United v Nth Bankstown	2-0	0-4	3-0

STATE LEAGUE 3RD DIVISION

Gladesville Hby v North Ryde	2-2	1-1	8-0
Lane Cove United v Campbelltown City	0-6	0-3	L/Lf
Mt Druitt Twn v C.S.L.	3-2	2-2	2-0
Bathurst 75 v Queens Park E/S	1-0	1-2	0-0
Mt Druitt Twn v Bondi Marine	2-0	2-3	Aban
Kingsford v C.S.I.	1-0	1-2	1-1
Liverpool Albion v Baulkham Hills	5-0	0-0	3-0

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

	1	2
Concordia v Eastern Creek	2-0	

THREE OFF, TWO PENALTIES!

IN A sensational game at Bruce Stadium, Canberra which saw three players sent from the field and two penalties, the Canberra Arrows frittered away a three goal lead and hung on grimly to run out eventual winners 3-2 against Marconi. Whilst at Lambert Park the 'Strikers' were the eventual winners 4-3 in a high scoring match in which all the goals were scored in an incredible 28 minute period and five of them in an even more amazing six minutes prior to the half time break.

At Bruce Stadium the centre of attraction on the day was undoubtedly the referee who awarded a penalty to both sides and dismissed two players from Canberra Arrows; keeper Chris Hummell for 'Foul and abusive language' (53) following a penalty decision against the Arrows, and Braden Shields (79) 'Dangerous Foul Play'. Whilst he also dismissed Robert Lucchesi of Marconi (72) for another bookable foul tackle after he had previously been shown the yellow card for a similar offence.

After Hummells dismissal Paul Ontong went in goal for the penalty kick, but he was replaced immediately by substitute keeper George Economopoulos with outfield player Matthew Collins being sacrificed.

All this after the Arrows had cruised to a three nil lead with goals from Phil Redmond, Manis Lamond and Joe Gagetti from the penalty spot, whilst Marconis tally came from Tony Marino and Domenic Giannone

from the penalty spot.

At the Sydney Athletic Field after a fairly even first half, Sydney City displayed why they are at the top of the National Youth League with a comfortable win over Olympic by two goals to nil.

Although it was generally an even first half the Slickers did have the edge in chances created but once again weak finishing and good goalkeeping from Peter Wilson kept the scoresheet blank.

However in the 52nd minute keeper Peter Wilson and Slickers striker Graeme Fletcher collided with each other whilst going for a bouncing ball at the edge of the penalty area. Both left the field for treatment but Peter Wilson was replaced by Bill Londres in goal and Graeme Fletcher returned a short time later and went on to be a major factor in the Slickers victory, with several good runs and dangerous crosses. Wayne Reader 57th minute and Jean Paul De Marigny 62nd minute were the scorers for Sydney City.

ROTHMANS S.A. STATE LEAGUE

THE heavies clash again in the S.A. Rothmans League 1st Division, with new leaders Beograd at home to Polonia who are in sixth place and again climbing the table.

Second-placed Azzurri have to take on third-placed Para-Hills at the latter's ground.

Beograd became favourites for the League and Cup double last week when they visited Azzurri and won 2-nil to follow up their Federation Cup win of the previous week and knock the champions off the top

of the table by a point.

Para just scraped in 1-nil away to bottom team Port Adelaide and Azzurri will have to lift their game.

Polonia got some form back with a 2-0 home win over West who have slipped to fifth spot and are at home this weekend to second-bottom Elizabeth.

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I have coached in England, America and Norway.

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P. Dunne

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

KOONAWARRA will survive this season after signing some new players recently. The club seemed certain to fold after recent heavy defeats and having to use players in both first and reserve grade on the one day.

On a recent weekend they lost 10-1 on the Saturday and 12-0 on the Sunday.

Among their new signings are Steve Royall and Geoff Potter, both with plenty of experience.

Royall was with Balgownie in the old Federation second division before a spell with Figtree when he helped them win the Grand Final. He played with Corrimall two years ago, but then lost interest in the game.

Potter was centre-half with the successful Bulli side of the 60's and he has also come out of retirement to help the struggling second division side.

ROBERTO Hernandez is still proving to be something of a problem for Warilla Wanderers coach Joe Moreno.

Hernandez can be the best striker in the Premier League when he puts his mind to it but has spent a lot of time in reserve grade this season.

Moreno must have wondered what he has to do to get Hernandez firing in his top side after watching him grab a hat-trick against Cringila in reserves recently.

The Hernandez-Barry Robinson striking partnership should be a match-winner for the Warilla club but they have rarely combined well this season.

Warilla have dropped some valuable points recently after starting off the season well.

FERNHILL goalkeeper Justin Norris has regained his place in the first grade side at the expense of Alan Duncan.

Duncan, who was the Illawarra first choice keeper against Canberra a few weeks ago, suffered a form slump and coach Daryl Glover selected him in reserve grade.

Last season Norris was forced to announce his retirement from Soccer because of a back injury.

The injury came about through Norris being a fast bowler with the Wollongong Cricket Club.

It seems to have come good through rest and Norris is playing as well as ever as Fernhill try to make up the big gap West-Figtree have set up on top of the Premier League.

IT ISN'T often a goalkeeper is sent off but Bellambi's Gio Rossi managed this in the 1-1 draw against Bulli.

The smallest keeper in the Premier League, Rossi proved something of a fireball after teammate Robert Banks had been fouled.

He decided to take matters into his own hands and finished up with a red card.

Most teams would struggle having lost a goalkeeper but not Bellambi.

They have a ready made replacement playing sweeper Alan Mangles. He was formerly one of the best goalkeepers in the League but decided he preferred to be more involved in the action.

REIS, AMBROSINO PACKAGE DEAL?

NSW State League side Inter-Monaro have been approached by Hong Kong club Tung Sing to sell the League's top goalscorer — striker Alan Reis.

And rumour has it the club is also interested in purchasing crack young defender Angelo Ambrosino from Canberra Arrows.

There is no secret that Ambrosino believes since Arrows' coach Atti Abonyi cut back his first-team squad from 19 to 15 that he will be hard pushed to regain an NSL spot.

Since returning to the

STEVE Quirk hasn't had a happy time since he switched from Coniston to Wollongong United this season.

He went to United to score goals but the goals just didn't come.

A hard working player, Quirk was switched to midfield by coach Larry Ashbolt and things seemed to be going well.

He was getting use to his new role and looking very sharp when he injured ankle ligaments in the game against Rockdale.

The injury will probably keep him out of action for three weeks.

Arrows a few weeks ago Ambrosino, only 20, has been a regular Canberra youth squad member.

Before that he played for five months with an Italian fourth division side and made numerous

BY STEVE BURNS

appearances either for full or part-games.

Ambrosino must also be



Alan Reis

that Monaro will release the young striker until the season's end — and only then on a close-season loan basis.

"He is too valuable a player to lose," said Monaro president, Mr Laurie Pastrello.

"He's getting goals just about every game. Obviously Tung Sing know how much he has improved. And remember his old brother, Phil, plays for both Tung Sing and the Hong Kong national squad."

Mr Pastrello said he would favour the idea of a close-season loan.

"I can see no harm in that if the boy wants it," he said. "After all, Hong Kong is his home town."



Angelo Ambrosino.

considered one of the most promising full-backs in the NSL.

Yet, incredibly, Canberra could unload him for a pittance — no more than \$1,500.

But back to the Reis affair. There is no way

THE Northern NSW Soccer Federation will again use the Belmont 16th Sailing Club as its venue for the 1983 Presentation Night.

This popular event will be held on Saturday November 5.

While one cannot deny private enterprise, state coaches should be given the first opportunity.

Well, that is the overwhelming opinion from North of the Hawkesbury.

NO IMPORTS

STOCKTON Soccer Club in the Northern NSW Federation Fourth Division claims that all its players are local identities. "We have no imports" is their proud claim.

Stockton, across the Hunter River from the city of Newcastle, has battled for years to establish Soccer in their suburb and 1983 seems to be the year of growth.

At the moment they are ten points clear, of Kahibah and Tomago Eagles and seem certain to win the Minor Premiership.

FOR a time it appeared that Englishman Derek Todd would be lost to Northern NSW Soccer when his club Coffs Harbour folded up earlier this season. However a satisfactory deal was made with Adamstown Rosebuds and the talented player is now a firm favourite with Newcastle fans.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

BY PETER RUSSELL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
SYDNEY CITY	15	11	2	2	41	20	+21	35
ST GEORGE	14	8	2	4	28	28	+8	26
CANBERRA	16	8	1	7	31	28	+3	25
MARCONI	17	6	6	5	27	23	+4	24
NEWCASTLE	14	7	1	6	26	19	+7	22
OLYMPIC	14	6	2	6	21	25	-4	20
A.I.S.	14	5	4	5	15	16	-1	19
LEIGHARDT	14	2	3	9	17	33	-16	9
WOLLONGONG	16	1	5	10	15	37	-22	8

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED WEEK ENDING

RD	DATE	DAY	HOME	SCORES	AWAY
	16-7-83	Sat	A.I.S.	1 v 2	St George
				Half Time	
	17-7-83	Sun	Syd. City	2 v 0	Olympic
				Half Time	
	17-7-83	Sun	De Marigny 62	(0) (0)	Wollongong
			Leighardt 36	4 v 3	Green 26,
			Genovese 38,40	(4) (2)	Nees 37
			Van Egmond 42		Smithwaite 54 (pen)
	17-7-83	Sun	Canberra	3 v 2	Marconi
			Redmond 10	Half Time	Marino 44
			Gagetti 18 (pen)		(Collins o.g.)
			Lamond 42		Giannone 53 (pen)
Goals	Player	Club	Goals	Player	Club
15	Tony Caban	Newcastle	5	Simon Brandt	Newcastle
13	Manis Lamond	Canberra	5	Ken Boden	Sydney City
7	Ian Souness	Sydney City	5	Darren Nees	Wollongong
7	Grant Sargent	Sydney City	5	Jean Paul	Sydney City
6	Graeme Fletcher	Sydney City		De Marigny	
6	Domenic Giannone	Marconi			

NORTHERN NSW

TWO fine goals by Andrew Johns piloted Weston to a convincing 3-nil win over Maitland in Northern NSW Soccer.

Weston hold a two point advantage over Adamstown who scored three late goals to down Tamworth City.

Meanwhile, Central Coast kept up their close challenge with a 3-1 win over Lake Macquarie, while West Wallsend retained fourth spot on the ladder with a 4-1 drubbing of Highfield Azzurri.

RESULTS

Weston 3 (Johns 2, Taylor), bt Maitland nil.

West Wallsend 4 (Shipley 2, Storey, Dempsey), bt Highfield Azzurri 1 (Georgeff).

Adamstown 3 (Todd, Macquarrie, Lochrin), bt Tamworth City nil.

Belmont Swansea 1 (Smyth), bt Hamilton Red Star nil.

Central Coast 3 (Corbett, Bryden, Mason), bt Lake Macquarie 1 (Baldwin).

FAR NORTH COAST ALIVE AND WELL

THIS week we continue the series about women's Soccer Associations and in the top corner of New South Wales is the Far North Coast Association where women's Soccer has been flourishing for the past six years.

Before this active Association came into being in 1977, three clubs, Thistles, Goonellabah Rovers and College, were playing social Soccer in 1973 and from this small beginning, 14 teams began playing in a very active competition five years later.

The Association began operation in July 1977 when the steering committee of 11 interested people formed the Articles of Association. Four clubs from surrounding districts were also in attendance.

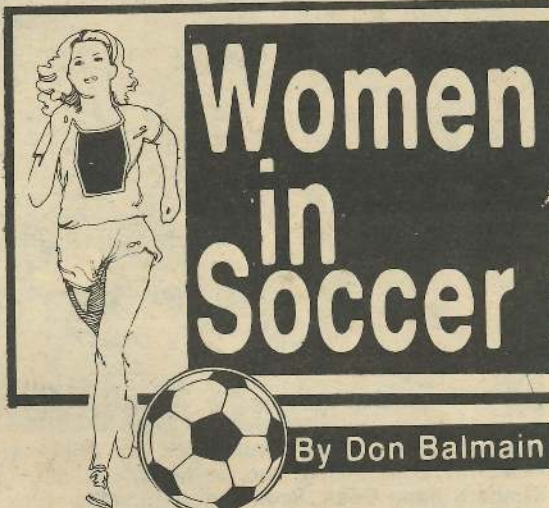
Mr Peter Klaus, now life member of the Association,

knew nothing about Soccer when he joined. His exceptional knowledge of meeting procedure made him an automatic candidate for the chairman's job with the infant Association.

In November of the same year, the constitution was adopted and the first office bearers elected. Prominent in these positions were the McMillan family, with Callan McMillan getting the new Association on the road taking on the positions of Registrar, Fixtures Officer and Publicity Officer. His sister Janelle, became the assistant gear steward.

A month later, tragedy struck when Callan McMillan was lost at sea. His great loss brought

many people long distances to pay their respects at the memorial service. In remembrance



By Don Balmain

READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, Australian Soccer Weekly, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

DISMISSED

I AM writing this letter to support Charles Perkins in his call for the dismissal of Derek White, the ABC's Director of Sport.

According to a report Mr Perkins wrote to Prime Minister June 1, complaining of the continued discrimination against Soccer by the ABC, and rightly so. Mr Perkins is an Aboriginal rights campaigner and Soccer supporter from way back, and he knows what the word "discrimination" means to millions of migrants and Aborigines living in Australia.

"The sport of Soccer in Australia," wrote Mr Perkins to Mr Hawke, "has the largest following and participation of any football code."

In the light of recent pettiness in refusing to show local Soccer on Channel 2, one can only assume that the ABC do not accept this. Why...?

Unless the mass media accepts Mr Perkins' statement, and come to terms with it Australia cannot hope to become the multicultural society Mr Hawke professes to support!

T. M. Jones
Lilydale, Vic 3140

DEAD

I HAVE a healthy respect for David Jack, on his statement on Soccer, why waste money on Ron Greenwood? He did not do well with the England team. I could understand spending money on someone like the late Bill Shankly who laid Liverpool's foundation for Paisley, or Matt Busby, who made it possible for Docherty at Man United.

And Tom Anderson said that the Youth team did well. He has his head in the sand most of the time with his remarks about pitching the youth team against seasoned professionals such as the Poms.

Soccer in the Illawarra area is in the doldrums.

Also thanks to TV for the midnight Soccer paid for by McDonalds. The young players were fast asleep when it was on.

N. Davies,
Corrimal.

BE FAIR

IT was most interesting reading the comments made by Mr Venturi in relation to statements from Blacktown City

It is obvious from his comments that it will only be Greek or Italian teams that can succeed in Australia.

How many Greeks and Italians as we known them today will still be alive in the year 2000? Not many, and who do we then have to support the game? The supporters of the future can only come from the involvement of youth and by their parents becoming aware that they can support teams that are identifiable with the area they live in.

It would appear that Mr. Venturi is living in the past. Prague didn't Australianise. They became Yugoslav and obviously the decline in interest by the Yugoslav community was instrumental in the demise of this once great club.

One small item that needs mention is that Blacktown City Soccer club in its two years in the

PSL had an average crowd of over 3000. This 3000 was not made up of a group. It was made up of all groups who obviously supported their district.

One thing is for sure. If Soccer does not sell itself to the population at large it will die a slow death along with the reduction in the number of first generation New Australians.

W. BOYLE,
Seven Hills, 2147.

for the Watson Shield, a competition held across the border in Sth. Queensland. As well, two other teams travelled to Newcastle to participate in selection trials for the State side.

Also that year, six girls from the Association were invited to Sydney to attend a special coaching clinic held by the Australian national coach, Jim Selby.

With the Association off and running the annual meeting saw Peter Klaus again elected as president. Alstonville women's Soccer club was also formed in this year and entered the competition with two teams. South Lismore also entered two teams as did Ballina. Rovers, Thistles, Eastwood United, Lennox Head, Goonellabah, College and Italo Stars made up the remainder of the teams in the competition this year.

Heavy work commitments prevented Peter Klaus from continuing with the Association's administration in 1980 and the association presented him with an award for his continual work for the group.

The Rovers "A" team continued their dominance by taking out the major premiership award yet again in 1980 with Eastwood United as runner-up. The Rovers with Eastwood United, participated in Ipswich (Qld.) with Rovers runner up in the carnival.

In 1981, Willie Wallace, the coach of Leichhardt NSL team, accepted an invitation to visit the area to hold a coaching camp.

This was at the Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education. Thirty players and coaches attended and Mr Wallace was impressed with the standard of the girls.

The Association declined slightly in numbers in 1982 and an executive trophy was introduced to stimulate interest.

This competition was won by Alstonville with Rovers "B" team runner-up.

In July of this year, the Association opened their own canteen in Nielson Park and made a profit for the short time that it was open. The playing of night games under lights at Oakes Oval was tried and proved to be very successful with good crowds attending.

This year, the election of an almost all female committee under the presidency of Sue Curry, has seen several ways of attracting girls to the Association being tried.

An indoor Soccer competition was organised in the Lismore Police and Citizens Boys club and is proving very successful. It has sharpened the skills of the players and has improved their fitness. Byron Bay has entered a team for the first time and the committee hopes others will follow.

Whilst the Association is only small in number, nevertheless, it has always managed to have three or four girls selected into the Nthn. NSW State team. Last year was no exception with six girls selected for the senior team and two for the successful under 15 team.

THANK GOD FOR THE SALVOS.

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SEMI-FINALS

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Sydney Olympic v St George	1-2
Sutherland v Auburn	2-4
Nepean v Illawarra	0-2

U14

Sydney Olympic v APIA	3-1
Southern Dist v Canterbury	1-1
Nepean v Manly	3-0

U15

Marconi v Auburn	2-2
Sydney Olympic v Illawarra	3-0
Polonia v Granville	2-2

U16

Marconi v St George	6-2
Sydney Olympic v APIA	3-3
Southern Dist v Manly	0-1

TURNER CUP

Birrong BHS 5, Sylvania HS 3; J.J. Cahill HS 2, Cromer 1.

FINAL 16

WELL DONE

PLACES in the final sixteen are being sorted out in the NSW Schools Bill Turner Cup for under 15 teams.

Kiera High School on the South Coast is one notable entrant, after defeating Corrimal High 3-2 in a close game.

The Lower North West winner is Peel High from Tamworth and they are set to play the Upper North West winner, which will be either Glen Innes of Armidale.

Wyong and Umina play off for the Central Coast winner, who will meet either Cessnock or Raymond Terrace from Newcastle zone C.

Either Westport or Kempsey will represent the Lower North Coast against the North Coast winner, Lismore High.

In the West of the state the play-off is between Canobolas and James Sheehan.

Koorngai will play the winner of Wade and Albury in the Riverina region, and Charnwood has turned up trumps in the ACT.

For Newcastle A the winner is either Whitebridge or Kotara, and in Newcastle B Booragul plays off with Francis Greenaway.

To those contestants will be added the winners of the four Sydney Regions, which is moving to the decisive stage.

KU-RING-GAI'S representative convenor Phil Rees has gone out of his way to congratulate the district's representative players for this year's efforts.

Also included are the coaches and managers, and the parents, whose co-operation is vital.

In under 12 inter-district the boys play for both their club and the district. This year's full honour roll is:

Jonathon Ambler	St Ives
Gabriel Bell	St Ives
Matthew Cross	St Ives
Angus Carter	Lindfield
Kypro Kypri	Lindfield
Matthew Kimber	Lane Cove
Tony Pejovic	Lane Cove
Antony Petkovic	Lane Cove
Keiran Poulos	Lane Cove
Aaron Coleman	Kissing Pt
Chris Fisher	Kissing Pt
Scott Taylor	Kissing Pt
Jeremy Tucker	Kissing Pt
Stuart Holt	Hornsby Hts
Jason Nieuwenhof	Hornsby Hts
Martin Lindsay	Hornsby Hts
Stuart Hollman	N. Turramurra
Nicholas Johnston	West Pymble
Joshua Vanderheiden	Berowra

The Under 13 Squad: Nicholas Archer, Myles Buckley, Paul Crawford, Mark Duncan, Timothy Glasby, Simon Heading, Kei Hirosaki, Pat Italiano, Hiroshi Kobayashi, David Mason, Grant Morrow, Timothy Rees, Dillon Robertson, Michael Tycho, Andrew Ward and Damon Woods.

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PRIZE



MIGHTY MIX

A MIXTURE of backgrounds and talent provide the ingredients for an enthusiastic bunch who enjoy their soccer. So far two wins and two losses have been recorded. In these games rugged and

courageous efforts have been put forward by mighty mites Scott Crank (cpt) and Marlon Lambert. Excellent ball skills displayed by Long Chung, Alex Antic and

Phoukham. Jamie McMurray and Tong Phambixay have provided consistency and pleasing team spirit. Hung Doan has been a key player with his passing skills and teamwork.



Chester Hill High U13's from back left: Phoukham, George Mendria, Jamie McMurray, Long Chung, Duc, David Purnell, Alex Antic, Richard Attard, Marlon Lambert, Hung Doan, Scott Crank, Chantho, Tonx Phambixay. (Not pictured) Michael Sculac.

— Coach: F. Molski

MANY RETURNS
BIG BOY

BONEGILLA Migrant Camp, near Albury, was the birth place of Victorian Soccer what we know as the Albury — Wodonga complex, the largest growth centre in Australia.

In the 1940s, 50s and 60s the camp housed over a million displaced persons who escaped from communist European countries and migrated to Australia after World War II.

Bonegilla became the melting pot of Victorian Country and later State Soccer and the migrants formed several teams throughout the district.

Some of the teams excelled themselves in the Victorian Statewide, causing unexpected upsets by beating powerful Melbourne Soccer Clubs in the young yet to be born growth centre on the border of N.S.W. and Victoria.

Only two of the original clubs, Albury United and Wodonga Border, survived through the next decade.

At the same time junior Soccer was flourishing throughout Australia.

Three factors were responsible for the formation of the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association. The dominating

number of Soccer teams in the North Eastern League, and the steady influx of European population in the Albury-Wodonga Complex.

These valid and powerful forces compelled the birth of A.W.S.A. in July 1973.

The foundation President was an Albury High School teacher Mr. Mike Smith, foundation secretary Albury chemist Mr. Ian Barker.

The initial season brought only senior and U16 players, members of Albury Rovers, Albury Hotspurs, Melrose Park Rangers, Lavington and Twin City Wanderers.

The original two teams, Albury United and Wodonga Border stayed in the N-E League to complete the 1973 season.

In 1974 the A.W.S.A. junior ranks grew with the formation of U14, U12, U10, teams in addition to U16.

The number of players in the A.W.S.A. rocketed from less than 100 players to almost 1000.

This forced AWSW to join the NSW state championships for both junior and senior players.

The AWSA U12 representative team won the 1974 Southern State Championships by defeating Shoalhaven in the final play-off held at Norwa.

The AWSA U12 repeated their winning sequence several times since, joined by other representative teams.

The year 1975 was also a landmark in the history of AWSA when it formed the U/8's Soccer. Two new clubs Wangaratta and Myrtleford joined the Association in 1977.

By this time the AWSA had 12 clubs fielding 80 teams, with over 1200 registered players.

During the past seven years the Albury-Wodonga Coaches Association produced several, now well respected coaches, such as Ernst Mueller, Pat O'Flaherty & John Stevens.

Now AWSA has 1,500

GRACE!



Gladesville's under 13 Youth League goalkeeper John Filan shows perfect catching technique in stopping this high shot from a Croatia player in the match against Croatia. John is well in the running to be the NSW team's under 13 'keeper.

(photo Barbara Demetriou)

READY!



Goalmouth action galore in this Gladesville-Croatia under 14 Youth League clash played at Santa Rosa Park, North Ryde.

SHOOT!



GOAL! Gladesville-Hornsby under 14 representative player Ian Wood makes sure of this scoring shot from close in during a Youth League match against Croatia.

(photo Barbara Demetriou)

registered players, not including the 200 women players in the evergrowing Albury Wodonga Women's Soccer Association. The 6000 supporters,

representing over 10 per cent of the complex's population are watching games played on both sides of the border every Sunday.



ENCORE!

This happy bunch of boys are Strathfield's under 9 years division 4 team who between them raised \$117 for their club and thoroughly enjoyed their "goodies" after the walk. They are P. Chan, A. Pogson, B. Robertson, C. Walkinson, C. Pardey, M. Viskovich, M. Saad, R. Shalala, R. Graham, B. White.



IT WAS a busy day for the officials and parents of the Strathfield Junior Soccer Club as they checked in the players after their 5 kilometer walk-a-thon to raise money for their end of season awards.

Sixty-five boys between the age of five to 14 successfully completed the course around their local area.

They were sponsored for amounts from 2c up to \$1.00 per kilometer by friends, relatives and local residents.

After completing their walk the boys were treated to BBQ sausages, drinks and lollies for their fine effort.

GOALS, GOALS!

THE Bill Turner Cup match between Canberra and Charwood was a thriller. Played in almost blizzard conditions the home spectators saw a match that ACT co-ordinator Peter Weddell claims they will never forget.

The scores seen saw in a match which produced nine goals.

The scores were 1-0, 2-0, ht 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 3-3, 3-4, 4-4, 5-4.

Peter hopes his side will be able to maintain its form and be the final ACT side to reach the semi-finals at Macquarie Field, Speers Point on August 23.



U-13 L to R TOP: Shane Bentley, Andrew Geer, Michael Wynne, Mark Holland, Brett Rigby, Bob Hildson-coach. MIDDLE: Gary Hildson, Anthony Driene, Stuart Key, Darren Grey. FRONT: Craig Burton, Paul Grant, Scott McFarlane, Danny Volarich.



U-14 L to R TOP ROW: Graham Mewburn-coach, Gurkan Taskemier, Turgut Urgen, Greg Mewburn, Andrew Cooper, Barry Tyas-manager. MIDDLE: Robert King, Sam Kerue, Lance Russell, Stephen Tyas, Paul Chetcuti, Keram Onay. FRONT: Paul Martin, Peter Abbott, Terry Marks.



U-15 TOP ROW: Terry Allen-manager, Peter Hambes-sis, Dave Barlow, Phil Annetts, Peter Kalamvokis, Darren Cooper, Gary Warner-trainer, Dave Kearns-coach. MIDDLE: Bernie Kearns, Darren Rowe, Peter Marks, James McCully, Mick Martin, Paul Russell. BOTTOM: arlo Fragale, Joleb Kerds, Brad Mould.



U-16 L to R TOP: Bob Went-manager, Con Halavatzic, Craig Edwards, Peter Posar, Ron Lehn, Tony Naimovski, Chris Holland, Arthur Hawkes-coach. MIDDLE: Robert Podnar, Stephen Sherman, Niel Hierlehy, Brett Fewson, Tony Ravic. BOTTOM: Paul Went, Darren Gear, Andrew Hawes.

POTTS PARK WANTS A TALENT TANK

NORTH Bankstown Soccer Club is celebrating 30 years of operations this year with the formation of its inaugural Youth League teams.

According to president, Harold Morrice, the committee believed its future in State League would be assured if a pool of talented juniors, supplementary to its district juniors, was formed for development and subsequent recruitment into the senior team.

As befitting this prestigious junior competition, a prime objective in our initial year has been to create a well organised, professional-like image.

We could also use our fine home ground, Potts Park to host some of the state's best junior players.

Next year more emphasis will be placed on player strength.

North Bankstown has been a nursery for many good players, two of the more recent being Paul Thomson — Melita & N.S.W., Gary Phillips —

currently with Sydney Olympic.

Gary played with our juniors before leaving for Coffs Harbour.

— Rob Wozniak



MORE REFS

THE huge Manly-Warringah Soccer Association is winning the battle to obtain enough referees to handle their many competitions.

The scheme they came up with could be gradually introduced in other districts.

The idea is to take the recruiting of referees down to the clubs — the grassroots level.

Clubs want their games from the youngest to the senior grades handled by qualified men and cadets.

So Manly introduced a scheme whereunder a club supplies a referee for every four teams it registers from U9 to U15 grades.

Then for grades from U16 to seniors it nominates a referee for every two teams.

Rates of reimbursement for referees are scaled to the age of the grades he covers.

The fee is worked out on how much a teenager might earn if he had a Saturday morning job.

FORBES ON TOP

FORBES was successful in the annual Ampol KO Carnival held in Parkes by the local Association.

Due to the various commitments only Forbes and Parkes competed.

Forbes North Region Scorpions won the U8 division. Forbes Combined Soccer Club was in top form, coming out winners in U10, 12, 14 and 16 years divisions.

Special thanks goes to the local Ampol agent for promoting the day.

A similar carnival will be held at Cowra on August 14 for U8, 9, 11, 13 and 15 years divisions.

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All applications must be lodged with the Association Secretary. Post Office Box 549, BLACKTOWN. N.S.W. 2148 by the 31st July 1983.

All applications must have full details of qualifications and previous experience of the Applicant.

For further details, please contact Mr A. Lobleby on 621 1580, or Mr C. James on 047 51 3498

MY FAVOURITE PLAYER

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JOEY JUNKET

WHAT does it take to organize a Soccer skills clinic?

For St. Joseph's Sports & Social Soccer Club at Kingswood in the Nepean Association, the answer is two weeks' solid work, and enough telephone calls to assure Telecom a record profit!

The club held a skills coaching clinic over three nights following good response to a Soccer film night, where coaching films were shown by the NSW Coaches Federation.

With the cost for the three night clinic set at an affordable \$2 per player, more than 100 juniors from Under 8 to Under 14 took advantage of this opportunity to increase their skills under the guidance of experienced coaches and players.

Guest coaches included Penrith United's U18 Youth team coach Ron Svarc, Nepean U14 rep-side coach Stan Ackerley,

Blacktown City Youth League coach Vince Montgomery, former captain of the Australian Youth team Ian Hunter who is a product of Nepean junior Soccer.

Also included were three young Penrith United players in goalkeeper Chris Robinson, Sean Clark, and Dario Martino. Sean Clark played 12 years of junior Soccer with St. Joseph's before joining Penrith's Youth squad this year. He was one of the club's original members.

As former Australian international Stan Ackerley pointed out during the

coaching clinic, the best way for youngsters to learn more about the game is to watch top players in action.

In this respect, St. Joseph's clinic tied in perfectly with the AUSTRALIA vs NSW match which was played locally at Cook Park.

Many of Joey's juniors took Stan's advice and joined the crowd of 6,000 plus at the game.

In another recent promotion, St. Joseph's juniors were introduced to Penrith United's Youth team prior to one of their games at Cook Park.

Even more recently the youngsters enjoyed the chance to see the local lads go through their paces again when they played the Metropolitan U18 side in a training game at Joey's home ground.

- Cathie Reid

BEAT THAT!

SCHOOL spirit is one of the keynotes for the success enjoyed by the Soccer teams out of Whitebridge High School.

For years they lagged behind Booragul, Wallsend, Newcastle Tech (now Merewether) and Warners Bay in support from the students and parents of the school.

Then along came Phil O'Brien and Alan Burns, two teachers who guided Whitebridge to some memorable victories.

It was not uncommon to see up to ten coach loads of spectators follow the Commonwealth Bank Cup team to their fixtures.

Lately Grant Harrison has taken over as coach and the support is still the same. At two recent night games in Newcastle the Whitebridge cheer squad of nearly twenty senior girls brought spontaneous applause from the spectators as they went through their spectacular routines.

Chants of "More! More!" was heard from the

stands as the girls completed each routine performed during the half time break in the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup clashes.

A number of educators suggested that support like that would do a lot for any school, to develop the tone and spirit within its ranks.

The development of the Whitebridge High School Cheer Squad has not been left only to the interest of the girls. Christine Squire a teacher at the school has, like many other teachers, become involved; she in the coaching of the girls in their large array of routines.

Just like the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup squad, as the senior players

leave each year and new ones take their places, it appears there are plenty of younger girls ready to fill the gaps.

The Whitebridge team, the Cheer Squad and their supporters eagerly awaited their trip to Sydney to meet Marsden High at Egnlefield Stadium.

The cheer squad was well received there.

Finally the Whitebridge team met their match and had to bow out of the Cup for 1983 but the foundation is there for a fine side next year.



BACK ROW L TO R: Garry Jeffries, Darren Mitten, Paul Nickel, Todd Hitchcock, Paul White, Rodney Smith.

CENTRE L TO R: Brian Grist, Shaun Kennedy, Craig Hadden, Gavin White, Ross Fallins, David Cocker, Greg Horvath.

SITTING L TO R: Arthur Favos, Craig Toyne, Reece Collin, Warren Douglas, Andrew Hamilton, Scott Murray (captain), Jason Murray, Tim Battersby.



BACK ROW L TO R: Christine Squire (coach), Sallyann Face, Kristin Blanch, Toni Gardiner, Elisa De Santi, Judy Heyworth, Lynne Dobinson, Megan Purser, Amanda Cowen, Bernadette Lara.

FRONT ROW L TO R: Ruth Stevens, Karen Wilson, Corinne Irvine, Christine Jeffries, Jillian Hall, Stephanie Ryan, Ele Rowekamp, Megan Dennis.



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GATESHEAD HIGH AGAIN

THE FINAL of the Rudy Roth Trophy for the Hunter Region Girls K.O. series was played at Ulinga Park, South Cardiff on Tuesday, July 5.

The match was regarded as the best final since the competition began six years ago.

Gateshead High, who won the trophy in 1978 and again last year and who also took out the C.H.S. Ku-ring-gai Cup, retained the Rudy Roth Trophy with a dramatic win over Cardiff High by 3-1.

The seal for Gateshead's victory was established in the sixth and seventh minutes when the brilliant Shelley Bagwell scored followed by a Susan Meck screamer.

In the 28th minute Shelly Bagwell mesmerised the Cardiff defence to notch the side's third goal.

A hard goalward drive was handled in the penalty area and Cardiff's hardworking forward Ka-

ren Wever converted to make the halftime score 3-1.

It appeared that Gateshead would be in for one of its usual big scoring sprees but it was Cardiff who came back with unbelievable spirit and gave the East Lakes side its most torrid match in two years.

Had it not been for magnificent defensive play by "Player of the Match" Allison Fryer at Stopper-cum-Sweeper Cardiff may have brought off the upset of the season.

Cardiff forwards rarely got the chance to test representative goalkeeper Debra Bonshore as the pretty blonde defender appeared to be everywhere.

She was the complete foil for her captain Megan

Caldwell who was recovering from a bad bout of 'flu.

On the other hand Gateshead forwards were able to break the Cardiff backline on a number of occasions but the tall, attractive Cardiff custodian Vicki Roex brought off some spectacular saves that brought spontaneous applause from the two hundred plus spectators.

Naturally there were one or two outstanding players but no player on either side gave less than one hundred percent and the two coaches Mrs. Green of Cardiff and Miss Collins of Gateshead were justifiably proud of their charges.

Mr. Rudy Roth Jnr. was on hand to present the trophies, pennants and a bag of 'goodies'. The game was recorded on video, to be played to those interested at a later date.

Gateshead now move on to play a school from another region.



Jordan and Blissett (inset)

BIG JOE STAYS IN ITALY

FORMER Scottish international striker, Joe Jordan, has decided to re-sign for an Italian club after playing the past 18 months with A.C. Milan.

Big Joe, however, has signed for First Division club, Verona, after helping A.C. Milan regain first division status.

Jordan, 31, formerly of Leeds United and Manchester United, went to Italy chasing cash, but Milan have just recently signed up Elton John's Watford striker, Luther Blissett for \$1.7 million, to complete their foreign player quota.

England could easily see Jordan again this coming season as his new club Verona has qualified for the UEFA Cup.

NEVER HEARD OF 'EM

THERE'S a strange look about the top positions in the Soviet Union first division.

The traditional giants, Moscow Dynamo, Tbilisi, Torpedo etc., have all been squeezed out of the top five spots.

The leaders are:

1. Chernomorets.
2. Dynamo Minsk.
3. Pachtakor.
4. Zenith.
5. Spartak.

WINGER Srebrenko Repcic has been transferred from Red Star Belgrade to Rapid Vienna, the Austrian champions. Rapid is coached by another Yugoslavian, Otto Baric.

ALGERIANS GO TO FRANCE

TWO of the players who did well for Algeria in last year's World Cup in Spain, centre-forward Tedj Bensaoula and winger Rabah Madjer, will play in the second division in France next season.

Madjer rejected an approach from first division St Etienne, preferring to sign for Racing Club de Paris, who used to be one of the country's glamour outfits.

Bensaoula will play for Le Havre.

TARANTINI LEAVES ARGENTINA AGAIN

ALBERTO Tarantini, the star Argentinian defender, has been transferred from River Plate to the Corsican club, Bastia, and will play in the French first division for the next three years.



Tarantini:

HAMBURG'S FREE RIDE

HAMBURG, West German champions and current European Cup holders, have been given a free-ride into Round 2 of the European Cup.

Hamburg defeated the star-studded Italian side, Juventus, 1-0, in the Cup Final played in Athens. They now find themselves just eight weeks after winning the Cup straight into Round 2.

Reason being that Hamburg had been drawn to play Villaznia Shkodra of Albania, but because they had refused to play

Dynamo Moscow in the Cup Winners' Cup back in 1979, have now been barred from the European Cup.

Hamburg can thank communist ideological differences for their exemption, whilst 30 other countries clash in Round 1 of the Cup on September 14 and 28.

Tarantini (27) is said to be on a wage of \$1,500 a week. Big money but, after playing 87 times for Argentina, there is no doubting Tarantini's ability.

Strangely enough, this full-back or sweeper, couldn't make the grade in the English first division. After Argentina's 1978 World Cup triumph, he was transferred to Birmingham City but was a big disappointment and, after a brief stay at St Andrews, he flew home to Buenos Aires.

Bastia will pay River Plate \$120,000 for Tarantini's transfer.

The French team also bought Daniel Solsona from Spain's Valencia on a three-year contract.

NO BALLS AT ALL!

DID you hear about the match between two Argentinian teams, Belgrano and San Vicente, played in Buenos Aires? The game had to be called off because they ran out of balls!

No fewer than four balls were kicked into the crowd. None of them was returned. Then the referee said: "That's enough. I abandon the game!"

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FRANCOIS Van Der Elst is set to be transferred from West Ham United to Belgium's Lokeren. Only snag is the size of the fee. West Ham are asking \$500,000.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

OVER SEAS



FIFA CALLS FOR 1990 CUP VENUE

THE International Football Federation says it has invited European countries to apply to stage the 1990 World Cup.

Last week invitations were sent to all members of the European Football Union, under the principle of rotation between the American and European continents.

FIFA, as we already know, has awarded Mexico the 1986 World Cup, even though the USA is still disputing this decision.

General Secretary of

FIFA, Joseph Blatter, says the 1986 World Cup organising committee will meet in Zurich on December 6 and the draw for the Final groups will be made on December 7.

Mr Blatter added that on December 9, the committee will decide the 1990 World Cup host nation, basing its decision on special recommendations.

MILAN SHOPS IN MANCHESTER

MONEY is no object to some Italian clubs. An official from A.C Milan has been to Old Trafford in a bid to sign one of Manchester United's Cup-winning forwards.

Milan's first choice was Northern Ireland teenager Norman Whiteside so United put a transfer fee of \$2,500,000 on his head. Milan agreed to pay but Whiteside killed the deal when he said: "I want to stay with United."

Milan then offered \$3,200,000 for Bryan Robson and asked how much it could cost to buy Frank Stapleton.

With Luther Blissett now signed from Watford, maybe Milan will forget about any Manchester United deals.



FRANK STAPLETON

FRANZ PAYS HIS RESPECTS

FRANZ Beckenbauer was missing from a recent New York Cosmos match - because he had to attend a funeral.

Beckenbauer, with other West German greats like Wolfgang Overath, Gunter Netzer and Berti Vogts, was in Cologne Cathedral for the burial service of the world-rated coach Hennes Weisweiler.

Explaining why he could not play in Vancouver for Cosmos, Beckenbauer said: "I owed it to Hennes to be in Cologne Cathedral."

There were thousands of people at the service in Cologne.

MOORE WANTS TO BUY A CLUB

BOBBY Moore, England's victorious 1966 World Cup captain, wants to buy his own Soccer club.

Moore follows the fashion that New York Cosmos star, Georgio Chagnalia has set when he recently made a bid for Italian club, Lazio.

Bradford City, the English third division club, is in the hands of a Receiver.

The Official Receiver, Mr Peter Flesher, called



Bobby Moore: club?

on to try and save the Bradford club, confirmed that he has already received an offer for the club from Bobby Moore's private company.

Flesher said: "Overseas money is involved in the bid."

Moore's company faces stiff competition as there are another 11 bids for Bradford City in the pipeline.

The Receiver has set a minimum price of \$656,250 to buy the club.

KIDD'S GOALS COUNT

BRIAN KIDD is still alive and well and doing well in the North American Soccer League. Kidd, the former talented youngster with Arsenal and both Manchester clubs, plays for Fort Lauderdale and he scored two goals last week in that team's 3-2 win over Golden Bay.

The win took Fort Lauderdale to the top of the section in the NASL.

BLISSETT — WILL HE MAKE THE GRADE?

THE TRANSFER of Luther Blissett from Watford to A.C Milan for \$1,700,000 proves that Italian clubs are still ready to gamble on British talent - despite past costly experiences.

Nobody knows if Blissett will do well or be a flop in the completely different atmosphere of Italian football. Indeed, it seems the player himself is not even sure - judging by this quote when he agreed on the transfer: "If I didn't try Italy, I would never know whether I would have been a success or a

failure. I have a gut feeling I must take my chance now. It is the hardest decision I have had to make in my career."

That suggests the transfer is a gamble. An expensive gamble for A.C Milan.

Blissett refuses to say how much he is getting out of the deal, but he insisted he will be released to play for England - if selected.

Incidentally, there is no truth in the story that Watford decided to sell Blissett because he took photographs of club chairman Elton John (without the hat) during Watford's tour of China!



Elton John: chairman

CITY'S LAST STAND

SINCE becoming Chairman of Manchester City, Peter Swales has hired and fired managers with alarming consistency. How does Swales view the latest appointment, with Celtic's Billy McNeill in the hot seat? "This is City's last stand. We've got to get it right this time," said Chairman Swales.

CHARLTON GO BUST

CHARLTON Athletic, a club with great tradition, through deeds of years ago, could be wound-up because it cannot pay a debt of \$55,000.

That is the figure Charlton owe to Leeds United. They cannot pay. But Leeds are demanding settlement.

The Football League has asked Leeds not to pursue the case. Leeds, however, say they are going ahead... and that is very bad news for Charlton.

ENGLAND'S under-21 forward Mark Hateley has been transferred from Coventry City to Portsmouth, but the move cost Pompey much more than they anticipated. They offered \$80,000 but the Appeals Tribunal set the figure at \$30,000.

COVENTRY City defender Gary Gillespie has been transferred to Liverpool for \$500,000. It is the first signing for Liverpool's new boss Joe Fagan. One man who was unhappy about the deal was Arsenal boss Terry Neill. He was hoping to sign Gillespie for the Gunners.

GERRY Gow, ex-Manchester City, is the tip to become player-manager of Wigan Athletic.

TRIBUNAL DECIDES TRANSFER FEES

TINY winger Pat Nevin, a member of Scotland's World Youth squad against Australia in Mexico, is worth \$150,000. That's official. The figure was settled by the English Transfer Appeals Tribunal. Nevin was sold by Clyde to Chelsea just before the WYC in Mexico but it has taken this long to sort out the correct transfer fee.

Another fee determined by the Appeals Tribunal concerned the move of Scottish international John Robertson from Nottingham Forest to Derby County.

Derby offered \$100,000 for him but the tribunal increased this to \$200,000. Odd thing about this dispute is that it involved two managers who were friends and

partners for so many years. Brian Clough is manager of Forest while his former sidekick Peter Taylor is with Derby.

Clough said he was very disappointed that Taylor had tried to grab Robertson at cut price. Clough recalled that, when Taylor left Forest, it was Clough who made sure his assistant got a good financial settlement.

WHEN Arsenal signed Charlie Nicholas for a huge fee from Celtic, Paul Davis decided there would be no room for him in the Highbury first team. Now Davis has had second thoughts. He's going to stay.

DAVID Burnside was a brilliant ball juggler when he played for West Brom but his fantastic skill was never really appreciated at international level.

He played for the England Youth XI and also for England Under 23's but didn't make the full team.

Now Burnside has a new job. He has taken over as England's Youth team manager, succeeding Gordon Taylor who wants to concentrate on the UEFA Cup with Watford.

Burnside's first assignment will be taking England Youth to Norway this month for a four-nations tournament.

It is heartening to know that a former player like Burnside, who put sheer skill at the top of his list of priorities, will be guardian of English Youth talent.

ONE of the saddest things about a club getting a new manager is that he usually sacks members of the staff so he can bring in his own men.

This is of considerable concern to Maurice Setters.

Setters, the former tough wing-half of Manchester United, Stoke City and various other clubs, has been coaching at Sheffield Wednesday for the past five years under manager Jackie Charlton.

Charlton resigned and was replaced by Howard Wilkinson. In his first day as boss, Wilkinson told Setters he didn't require his services.

"I'll do all my own coaching," said Wilkinson.

UK SOCCER SCENE



Reeves: \$170,000

REEVES IS RE-VALUED

JOHN Bond, Burnley's new manager, has been back to his former club Manchester City, to make his first big signing.

Bond looks like gaining English international Kevin Reeves for a fee of 170,000. When Reeves moved to City from Nor-

wich, not so many years ago, he cost \$2,000,000.

That's deflation with a vengeance.

STEVE JETS IN FOR CRICKET

STEVE Gating, as well as being an excellent footballer - as he proved with Brighton in the F.A. Cup final against Manchester United - also has a passion for cricket. Steve's brother, Mike, by the way is a Test batsman and captain of Middlesex.

Steve concentrates on club cricket and the club he has played with for many years, Brondesbury.

On a close-season holiday in the United States, Steve phoned his parents home with the message:

"I'm due at Gatwick Airport on Saturday night - tell Brondesbury I want to play in Sunday's all-day match against East Molesey."

Did someone mention jet-lag?

SOCCER BACK ON THE BOX

AFTER months of hard bargaining and recrimination, Soccer will again appear on British TV screens in the new season.

But the TV people have decided they won't telecast games until six weeks after the start of the season...because they feel it intrudes too much on their coverage of summer sport.

There will also be some "live" cover on an experimental basis and this will mean switching TV games from Saturday afternoon to Saturday night or Sunday.

The TV companies, jointly, offered the Football League about \$10,000,000 for a two year contract to cover the sport. Soccer officials, in their wisdom, said it was not enough. They threatened to refuse all TV cover of Soccer if the

offer was not increased. TV did NOT raise the bid - and it seems the original figure has been accepted.

There could be one important change, though. Sponsors' advertising on players jerseys - previously banned by the TV companies - may now be legal.

SEEN at the Wimbledon tennis - two former Stoke City forwards, Garth Crooks of Spurs and Lee Chapman of Arsenal. In between sets, they probably talked about which clubs each would play for next season. They could both be on the move.

DERBY PAYS PENALTY

DERBY COUNTY'S first two matches next season will prove costly as far as gate receipts are concerned.

The second division club has been ordered to close all the terracing at the Baseball Ground...and this means a huge loss of revenue.

The Football League found Derby "guilty" of not having proper control of their fans in the controversial match against Fulham at the end of the 1982-83 season.

Fulham wanted the match replayed - having just missed promotion to first division.

MORE signs of hard times in English football - some Bradford City cheques for players wages have bounced. Now the club has gone bankrupt. A new company looks like being formed and it appears Bradford City will still be able to play in the 1983-84 Football League.

AFTER spending 22 years with Oldham Athletic as player, coach and manager, Jimmy Frizzell has finally stepped up in class. He has been appointed assistant manager to Billy McNeill at Manchester City. Frizzell was fired as Oldham manager a year ago.

SETTERS SACKED



Bobby Charlton